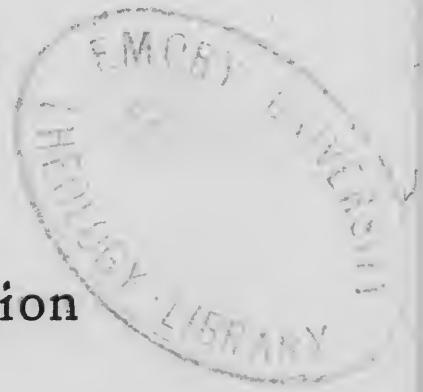


# PROCEEDINGS



—OF THE—

## Eighty-Eighth Session

—OF THE—

# Mississippi Annual Conference

—OF THE—

## Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

—HELD AT—

McCOMB CITY, MISSISSIPPI,

December 11-16, 1901.

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EDITED BY

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# PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRS DAY.

McCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 11, 1901.

The Eighty-Eighth Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in the Opera House in McComb City, Miss., at 9 a. m., Wednesday, Dec. 11th, 1901, Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding.

The Bishop conducted the opening religious services, reading and commenting on John 15:1-8, announcing for congregational singing Hymn No. 194, and leading in prayer.

The roll was called by J. A. B. Jones, Secretary of the last Conference, and the following clerical members answered to their names:

R. A. Sibley, J. A. B. Jones, H. P. Lewis, J. A. Vance, W. B. Lewis, E. H. Mounger, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, R. B. Downer, P. Howard, R. D. Norsworthy, J. S. Parker, J. H. Evans, C. McDonald, J. W. McLaurin, R. J. Jones, R. Bradley, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, C. D. Cecil, C. A. Powell, B. F. Jones, B. S. Rayner, W. W. Simmons, J. P. Drake, H. R. Caldwell, L. Carley, I. L. Peebles, W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, J. W. Chambers, A. D. Miller, T. W. Adams, R. F. Witt, J. W. Brown, J. W. Harmon, W. G. Backus, H. W. Featherstun, T. L. Mellen, B. F. Lewis, A. F. Watkins, L. S. Jones, W. W. Morse, V. V. Boone, R. S. Gale, R. Selby, M. L. Burton, N. B. Harmon, J. M. Morse, G. H. Galloway, W. L. Linfield, W. H. Huntley, J. N. Ware, J. G. Cammack, J. G. Galloway, H. M. Ellis, W. M. Sullivan, M. L. White, R. H. Barr, P. H. Howse, H. L. Norton, H. Mellard, H. C. Brown, J. W. Crisler, G. R. Ellis, W. J. Ferguson, J. T. Abney, G. A. Guice, J. W. Dawson, J. M. Weems, C. C. Evans, H. W. Van Hook, C. M. Crossley, R. E. Rutledge, J. H. Foreman, P. D. Hardin, W. M. Williams, W. W. Moore, F. B. Ormond, G. W. Huff, W. C. Black, C. F. Emery, J. D. Ellis, D. Scarborough, H. G. Hawkins, G. M. Hull, R. A. Sibley, Jr., T. B. Cottrell, G. P. McKeown, John A. Moore, H. M. DuBose, W. A. Terry, J. J. Golden, L. E. Alford, H. J. Moore, G. S. Harmon, H. A. Gatlin, J. W. Campbell, J. E. Carpenter, W. L. Blackwell, T. J. O'Neal, T. H. King, J. R. Jones, J. E. Williams, J. M. Carley, W. L. Hightower, J. E. Gray, H. B. Watkins, H. P. Lewis, Jr., J. L. Redd, C. C. Gibson, C. N. Guice, V. D. Skipper, H. R. Singleton, C. W. Crisler, E. C. Grice, W. H. Saunders, E. L. Alford, W. D. Dominick.

The roll of lay members was called by Districts and the following were present:—

Seashore District: W. S. F. Tatum, Rev. J. L. Jordan.

Meridian District: T. P. Bell.

Jackson District: J. C. Cavitt.

Forest District: W. M. Thornton, P. L. Blackwell, J. A. Lindsey, Rev. W. W. Murray.

Brookhaven District: J. J. Ellis.

A. F. Watkins was elected Secretary with the following assistants: H. G. Hawkins, M. L. Burton, G. H. Galloway, G. S. Harmon and H. M. Ellis.

The following committees, nominated by the Presiding Elders, were elected by the Conference:—

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

PUBLIC WORSHIP:—B. F. Jones, J. W. Chambers, S. Hibbert.

MEMOIRS:—J. G. Cammack, J. A. B. Jones, T. B. Cottrell, J. M. Weems, D. C. Langford, H. W. Featherstun, J. P. Drake.

STATE OF THE CHURCH:—L. Carley, F. A. Grimes, N. B. Harmon, F. B. Ormond, R. S. Gale, D. Scarborough, J. W. Chambers.

BIBLE CAUSE:—W. J. Ferguson, E. A. Enochs, G. M. Hull, D. P. Bradford, P. L. Blackwell, T. J. O'Neal, R. Bradley.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE:—W. J. Bell, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Ellis, H. Mellard, W. M. Warnack, W. W. Cammack, I. L. Peebles.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS:—H. R. Singleton, J. E. Carpenter, R. L. Bennett, R. H. Barr, W. H. Saunders, B. S. Rayner, C. W. Crisler.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS:—M. M. Black, J. H. Jones, J. C. Cavitt, S. B. Watts, M. L. White, L. E. Alford, H. C. Brown.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS:—V. D. Skipper, A. D. Miller, W. C. Black, L. P. Brown, W. D. Dominick, J. M. Morse, C. McDonald.

TEMPERANCE:—H. L. Norton, T. W. Sullivan, H. J. Moore, T. P. Bell, J. A. Lindsey, J. S. Parker, J. T. Leggett.

The hours fixed for meeting and adjournment were 8:30 and 11:30 A. M. The bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the space seated with opera chairs.

The Secretary read a thrilling report from Drs. Lambuth and Pritchett, General Missionary Secretaries, which was referred to the Board of Missions.

The report of Dr. P. H. Whisner, General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was read and referred to the Board of Church Extension.

The following persons were introduced: Dr. P. H. Whisner, General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Dr. J. D. Barbee, Agent for the Publishing House; Dr. E. E. Hoss, Editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*; Dr. G. D. French, Bible Agent; Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Secretary of the General Board of Missions.

A report from Dr. H. M. DuBose, Epworth League Secretary and Editor of the *Epworth Era*, was referred to the Epworth League Board.

The report from the Agents of the Publishing House was read and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Dr. E. E. Hoss, Editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference in the interest of that paper, our General Church Organ.

A letter was read from H. D. Howell, Fort Smith, Ark., expressing his regret at having to obtain the consent of his Presiding Elder to leave his charge during the year on account of financial pressure and the condition of his wife's health, and asking that, after these fifty-three years of service, he be granted the Superannuated Relation.

Question Twenty was called:—“Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?” The following were passed in

the examination of character and were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Superannuated Relation: J. A. Vance, R. A. Sibley, L. P. Meador, R. B. Downer, J. W. Harmon, H. R. Caldwell, J. H. Evans, D. G. W. Ellis, T. W. Brown, W. W. Hurst, J. H. Holland, P. Howard.

Brothers Sibley, Downer and Harmon were present and made brief, touching statements, and a letter was read from Bro. Holland's son. The character of W. G. Backus was passed and his Presiding Elder announced his readiness for work.

The names of E. A. Flowers, H. B. Trevilion, W. B. Hines, P. A. Johnston, W. M. Stevens and R. W. Bailey were called and it was announced that they had died during the year. The Conference sang the sixth stanza of Hymn No. 546, "E'en down to old age."

W. M. Sullivan was elected a member of the Board of Missions in the place of T. W. Adams. A. D. Miller was put in the place of H. G. Hawkins on the Committee on Conference Relations.

Rev. G. D. French, Agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

Dr. J. W. Boswell, Editor of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*, was presented to the Conference.

A communication was read from B. Bruce, proprietor of the Ideal Photograph Co., offering to take a photograph of the Conference body, and, by vote, the offer was accepted and an appointment made for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that the Missionary Anniversary would be held in the Opera House this evening at 7:30 and that Dr. Lambuth would make an address.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. W. Harmon.

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## SECOND DAY.

McCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 12, 1901.

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Morrison in the chair.

Dr. P. H. Whisner conducted the religious services, reading the 12th chapter of Hebrews, and announcing Hymn 354.

The roll call showed that the following clerical members were present, in addition to those who answered to their names yesterday: I. B. Robertson, F. M. Williams, J. W. Sandell, E. F. Edgar, M. H. Moore, W. G. Forsythe, J. T. Leggett, G. H. Thompson, B. W. Lewis, W. T. Griffin, M. M. Black, R. L. Phillips, M. A. Thurman, F. L. Crowson, F. A. Grimes.

The following lay members, in addition to those present yesterday, answered to their names, viz:—

Vicksburg District: T. A. Holloman, E. S. Drake.

Natchez District: T. W. Sullivan.

Meridian District: S. B. Watts, L. P. Brown.

Jackson District: R. L. Bennett.

Brookhaven District: J. E. Carruth.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

At the request of W. M. Sullivan, W. H. Saunders was elected in his stead a member of the Conference Board of Church Extension.

It was moved and carried that the roll call be dispensed with for the remainder of the session.

The following resolution was adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we sorrow with our brother, the Rev. D. P. Bradford, over the tragic death of his son, the Rev. J. W. Bradford, and pray that our God and Heavenly Father, to whom he has pointed so many others for help in time of need, may now help and comfort him.

T. L. MELLEN.  
G. A. GUICE.

A communication from Edward Thompson, of Columbus, Ohio, General Manager of the Sunday League of America, was read and referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

A report of T. C. Bradford, principal of the Forest District High School, was referred to the Board of Education.

A report from James Atkins, Sundays-school Editor, was read and referred to the Sunday-school Board.

The Secretary of the Conference announced that Rev. J. W. Chambers would sign the railroad certificates.

The Twentieth Question was resumed; and the Presiding Elders, E. H. Mounger, T. L. Mellen, W. W. Simmons, G. A. Guice, B. F. Jones, and T. W. Adams, reported their respective districts, and were passed in examination of character.

The Bishop asked the Presiding Elders especially concerning worldliness in the Church and urged the enforcement of discipline, if it can be done in a Christly spirit.

Revs. J. H. Mitchell and J. C. Park, members of the North Mississippi Conference, and Rev. G. W. Bachman, Colporteur of the North Mississippi Conference, were introduced.

Question Four was called:—"Who are admitted into full connection?" John Robert Jones, Joseph Winston Campbell, William Leroy Hightower and Earl Leslie Alford passed in examination of character, and having stood approved examinations in the course of study prescribed by the Bishops, were advanced to the class of the third year and elected to Deacon's orders. John Jay Golden was passed in examination of character, and having passed the examination in the course of study, was advanced to the class of the third year. Mancil Albert Thurman and John Early Gray were passed in examination of character, and were continued in the class of the second year.

Question Seven was called:—"Who are the deacons of one year?" W. A. Terry, T. J. O'Neil and H. A. Gatlin were passed in examination of character, and having stood approved examinations in the course of study, they were advanced to the class of the fourth year. G. S. Harmon and R. L. Phillips were passed in examination of character, and continued in the class of the third year.

Dr. J. D. Barbee, Agent of the Publishing House, was presented and spoke to the Conference.

A report from Dr. W. B. Murrah, President of Millsaps College, was read and referred to the Board of Education.

A communication from Dr. J. D. Hammond, Secretary of the General Board of Education, was referred to the Conference Board of Education.

Dr. J. W. Boswell, Editor and Publisher of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*, was presented to the Conference and made a short talk, thanking the Mississippi Conference for so loyally supporting the *Advocate*.

Question One was called:—"Who are admitted on trial?" James Elbert Jenkins Ferguson, being recommended by the Meridian District Conference, and having stood an approved examination upon the course of study, was admitted.

Question Two was called:—"Who remain on trial?" H. B. Watkins and C. N. Guice were passed in examination of character, and having stood approved examinations in the course of study, were advanced to the class of the second year. H. P. Lewis, Jr., J. E. Williams, C. C. Gibson, W. L. Blackwell, E. C. Grice, J. L. Redd and J. M. Carley were passed in examination of character and continued in the class of the first year.

Question Twelve was called:—"What traveling preachers are elected elders?" L. E. Alford, R. A. Sibley, Jr., and H. J. Moore were passed in examination of character, and having stood approved examinations in the course of study were elected to Elders' orders. G. P. McKeown, C. M. Crossley, J. H. Foreman, G. W. Huff, T. H. King were passed in examination of character and continued in the class of the fourth year.

Question Ten was called:—"What local preachers are elected Deacons?" William Wesley Murray, properly recommended by the Forest District Conference, was elected to Deacon's orders.

Question Fourteen was called:—"What local preachers are elected Elders?" None were presented for election.

Question Twenty was resumed. H. R. Singleton was passed in examination of character and he made his report. H. D. Howell's character was passed and his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Superanuated Relation. The following were passed in examination of character and their charges were reported: J. G. Cammack, M. M. Black, H. L. Norton, V. D. Skipper, L. Carley, W. H. Lewis, W. J. Ferguson, R. F. Witt, L. S. Jones, W. C. Black, C. F. Emery, H. P. Lewis, Robert Selby, G. M. Hull, M. H. Moore, G. H. Thompson, N. B. Harmon, J. N. Ware, J. D. Ellis, J. D. Crymes, W. B. Lewis, C. C. Evans, T. B. Cottrell, James A. Moore, H. M. DuBose, B. F. Lewis, W. D. Dominick, Irvin Miller, P. D. Hardin, D. C. Langford, R. S. Gale.

R. E. Rutledge was elected a member of the Board of Education, instead of W. M. Stevens, deceased.

N. A. Mott was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. B. Trevilion.

The time was extended to allow T. B. Holloman, Treasurer of the Ministerial Aid Association, to make some statements concerning the matters of the Association.

H. P. McKeown and W. W. Murray were placed upon the Sabbath Observance Committee, instead of W. J. Bell and D. M. Womack.

It was announced that the Board of Church Extension would hold a

public meeting at 7:30 P. M., with an address by Dr. P. H. Whisner.

Other announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the long meter doxology, and the benediction pronounced by J. W. Harmon.

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### THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

McCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 13, 1901.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Morrison in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by R. D. Norsworthy. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

It was announced that in addition to those of yesterday the following clerical members were present: H. B. Vandenburg, C. C. Evans, James A. Moore; and the following lay members: J. H. Jones, of Natchez District, and J. R. Enochs, of Jackson District.

By motion of T. L. Mellen the following were made a

#### COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:

C. W. Crisler, H. W. Featherstun, J. M. Weems, J. E. Carpenter, W. B. Lewis, H. R. Singleton, R. D. Norsworthy.

A memorial offered by T. L. Mellen was referred to the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference.

By motion of R. D. Norsworthy, the hour of 3 P. M. to-day was fixed for the election of Delegates to the General Conference, the Conference to hold a special session for that purpose.

Question Ten was resumed; and John Early Gray, properly recommended by the Natchez District Conference, was elected to Deacon's orders.

Question Fourteen was resumed; and Needham Edwin Alford, properly recommended by the Brookhaven District Conference, was elected to Elder's orders.

Question Twenty was resumed; and the following were passed in examination of character, those present making reports: W. W. Morse, W. J. Dawson, J. W. Crisler, L. J. Jones, M. L. White, W. M. Sullivan, R. D. Norsworthy, W. L. Linfield, W. H. Saunders, H. W. Featherstun, H. W. VanHook, J. G. Galloway, J. S. Parker, G. H. Galloway, W. W. Cammack, B. S. Rayner, W. M. Williams, J. M. Morse, D. Scarborough, H. B. Vandenberg, C. W. Crisler, F. M. Keen, E. F. Edgar, J. W. Chambers, J. P. Drake, G. R. Ellis, R. Bradley, J. T. Leggett, R. J. Jones, H. C. Brown, John A. Moore, W. G. Forsythe, I. L. Peebles, F. M. Williams, C. McDonald, J. W. Sandell, A. F. Watkins, M. L. Burton, W. T. Griffin, H. M. DuBose, J. M. Weems, J. T. Nicholson, F. B. Ormond, P. H. Howse, W. W. Moore, J. C. Ellis, D. P. Bradford.

T. L. Mellen reported for W. P. Donnell, our Missionary among the Indians, showing that the work was progressing and that the Mississippi Choctaws were going to stay in Mississippi.

The name of J. T. Nicholson was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Superannuated Relation.

Dr. H. M. DuBose, Editor of *The Epworth Era*, and Epworth League Secretary, was presented and addressed his brethren of the Conference upon the great League movement.

Dr. W. L. C. Hunnicutt offered a memorial to the General Conference, asking for a steward to be elected by the Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in raising the collections ordered by the Annual Conference.

Prof. J. W. Beeson read his report as President of the East Mississippi Female College, and also a report from the Board of Trustees, both of which were referred to the Board of Education.

Rev. B. F. Jones, President of the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College, read a report from the said Board of Trustees, which was referred to the Board of Education.

Dr. James Atkins, Sunday-school Editor, was presented, and addressed the Conference in stirring and effective style upon the Sunday-school cause.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the time was extended to allow Dr. Atkins to finish his speech.

Dr. W. B. Murrah, President of Millsaps College, was introduced.

Rev. L. S. Jones, President of Port Gibson Female College, read a report of said school, which was referred to the Board of Education.

T. B. Holloman, Treasurer of the Ministerial Aid Association, offered a paper, which was referred to the Board of Education.

The action fixing 3 o'clock P. M. as the hour for the special session was reconsidered, and 2:30 was fixed as the hour.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that a public meeting of the Mississippi Conference Brotherhood would be held at 7:30 P. M.

The Bishop announced that he would have the Class to be "Admitted into full connection" before him to-morrow at 10 A. M.

Other announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the singing of the long meter doxology, and the benediction, pronounced by F. M. Williams.

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### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

McCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 13, 1901.

The Conference met at 2:30 P. M., Bishop Morrison in the chair. The Conference joined in the singing of Hymn 354, and H. R. Singleton led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The hour having arrived for the election of delegates to the General Conference, it was announced that the Conference was entitled to three clerical and three lay delegates; and the Conference proceeded to the election. The laymen were seated in the chairs on the south side of the Conference room. B. F. Lewis and P. D. Hardin were appointed tellers for the lay members; M. M. Black and C. W. Crisler for the clerical.

The balloting for lay delegates was as follows:

The first ballot consisted of 19 votes, of which R. W. Millsaps received 14 and L. P. Brown 13, and they were declared elected.

The second ballot failed to result in any choice. It was moved and carried that the two persons receiving the highest number of votes next after the one elected should be declared lay alternates.

The third and fourth ballots resulted in no choice.

The fifth ballot consisted of 17 votes, of which W. M. Thornton received 9 votes and he was declared elected. J. R. Enochs and R. L. Bennett having received the next highest numbers were declared lay alternates.

The balloting for clerical delegates was as follows:

The first ballot consisted of 113 votes, of which A. F. Watkins received 78, and he was declared elected.

It was resolved that the two persons receiving the highest number of votes next after those elected delegates should be declared clerical alternates.

The second ballot consisted of 113 votes, of which W. C. Black received 77, and he was declared elected.

The third ballot consisted of 106 votes, but there was no choice.

The fourth ballot consisted of 104 votes, of which T. L. Mellen received 57 votes and he was declared elected. H. M. DuBose and T. W. Adams having received the next highest numbers were declared clerical alternates.

The completed delegation was announced by the Bishop as follows:

Clerical—A. F. Watkins, W. C. Black, T. L. Mellen. Alternates—H. M. DuBose, T. W. Adams.

Lay—R. W. Millsaps, L. P. Brown, W. M. Thornton. Alternates—J. R. Enochs, R. L. Bennett.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that a public meeting of the Conference Brotherhood would be held at 7:30 P. M.

Other announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with singing and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Morrison.

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## FOURTH DAY.

MCCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 14, 1901.

The Conference met at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Morrison in the chair. C. W. Crisler conducted the opening religious exercises, announcing Hymn 486, leading in prayer, and reading the second chapter of Titus.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The presence of W. A. Price, alternate delegate from the Vicksburg District, was noted.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we do hereby request the Rev. Dr. Boswell to publish in tract form the article recently published in the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*, in reference to the "Relation of Baptized Children to the Church."

T. L. MELLEN,  
J. M. WEEMS,  
L. CARLEY.

T. B. Holloman moved that a person elected by a Quarterly Conference as alternate delegate to a District Conference be allowed to sit as regular delegate in the District Conference in the place of the Recording Steward when that officer is absent, the Recording Steward, by former action of the Conference having been made an ex-officio member the District Conference. The motion was tabled.

W. B. Lewis moved that the Conference reconsider its action of a former year that made the lay membership of a District Conference to consist of the Recording Steward of each pastoral charge and two delegates elected by the Quarterly Conference, and the motion prevailed.

W. B. Lewis then moved the lay membership of the District Conference shall hereafter consist of three delegates to be elected by each Quarterly Conference of the District.

Question Twenty was resumed. G. A. Guice, Presiding Elder, reported West End, Meridian, in the absence of W. M. Stevens, deceased, and of W. W. Holmes, supply. The following were passed in examination of character and administration: B. W. Lewis, H. Mellard, R. E. Rutledge, H. M. Ellis, V. V. Boone, R. H. Barr, J. E. Carpenter, J. W. Brown, W. H. Huntley, B. H. Rawls, Ira B. Robertson, F. A. Grimes, J. A. B. Jones, J. W. McLaurin, H. G. Hawkins, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. D. Cecil, A. D. Miller, J. T. Abney.

By motion of their respective Presiding Elders, the names of Ira B. Robertson, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, and W. G. Backus were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Superannuated Relation; and J. W. McLaurin for the Supernumerary Relation.

A memorial, asking the General Conference to establish the order of Deaconesses and another, asking for a change in one of the Articles of Religion were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A Report from The Orphan's Home was read and adopted as follows:—

#### MISSISSIPPI ORPHAN'S HOME.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

BRETHREN:—As directors of the Mississippi Orphan's Home, we would respectfully report that the work of the Home for the past year has been very satisfactory.

Rev. W. S. Harrison has been in charge and reports that during the year thirty-six children have been admitted, and twenty-seven adopted or taken out by guardians, leaving sixty-one in the home at present. One hundred and sixty-two have been cared for since the Home was opened, ninety-nine of whom have been taken out either by Christian homes or guardians.

We report that the Board of School Commissioners of Yalobusha County have established a free school at the Orphanage; which gives us the benefit of free school at the Home for four months; and we have a ten months' school taught by a consecrated and intelligent young man.

Seven of our girls are being educated by our Colleges free of charge, viz: Grenada College, three; Port Gibson, one; East Mississippi, one; and Whitworth College, two; for which we wish to express our hearty thanks.

The Manager reports that the health of the Home has been remarkably good, there having been no need for a physician in four months.

This is not only gratifying, but shows with what care the Manager has looked after the interests of the children.

We are very much indebted to Dr. L. T. Fox for service rendered as physician; also to Bros. S. S. Spencer and J. G. McGowan for faithful services rendered and their aid given the Board during the year.

Seeing the need of a cottage to be used in case of serious or contagious diseases, we have erected a cottage at a cost of \$1,300.00; but, owing to a failure on the part of the contractor to comply with his contract, the same has not been accepted.

Amount of cash on hand at last Conference was \$300.85. Since then we have received from the North Mississippi Conference \$3,010.93; and the Mississippi Conference, \$2,746.52. We have expended \$6,039.50, leaving balance in the hands of the Treasurer, \$18.80.

There are claims outstanding amounting to \$969.82. We regret to report that all claims have not been met in full by the meeting of the Conference; but there is in the hands of the Financial Agent and Manager enough to reduce this to about \$200.00.

The endowment fund of \$1000.00 is undisturbed.

We are glad to say the religious instruction of the children has been carefully guarded by the Manager, a ripe Christian and experienced minister, under whose instruction and influence twenty have united with the Church.

The Agent, Rev. W. T. Griffin, has visited eighty-six churches and distributed eleven hundred and twenty-five circular letters and otherwise represented the interests of the Home and we feel that his work has been highly satisfactory.

After much deliberation we have concluded it would be best to make a change in the system of management by combining the Manager and Field Agent into one and authorizing him to employ a suitable man at a salary not to exceed \$25.00 and board to teach the school and superintend the farm, thus practically saving the salary of one man.

W. T. Griffin, our present Field Agent, was elected Manager and Field Agent and we ask that the Bishop appoint him to this work.

As the time of Rev. A. F. Watkins and W. M. Thornton expires, we respectfully ask your body to elect their successors.

(Signed,) J. H. SHERARD,  
R. W. JONES.

Winona, Miss., Dec. 4th, 1901.

Upon motion of G. S. Harmon, A. F. Watkins and W. M. Thornton were elected their own successors as Directors of the Orphan's Home.

Rev. W. J. Compston, Pastor of the McComb City Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The name of N. B. Young was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Superannuated Relation.

The order of the day having arrived, Question Four, was called:—"Who are admitted into full connection?" The class to be admitted into full connection was called forward, viz: John Robert Jones, Joseph Winston Campbell, William Leroy Hightower, Earl Leslie Alford, John Jay Golden. The Bishop delivered his charge to them; they properly answered the disciplinary questions propounded to them,

and by vote of the Conference they were admitted into full connection.

The following resolution concerning Memoir of Dr. C. G. Andrews was adopted:

WHEREAS, The lamented and sainted Dr. Charles Green Andrews was for nearly a half century a member of the Mississippi Conference; and,

WHEREAS, for many years he was the Secretary of the Conference, discharging these arduous and delicate duties efficiently and faithfully; and,

WHEREAS, for many years he represented this Conference in the General Conference and upon the Board of Missions of our great Southern Methodism; and,

WHEREAS, in every capacity he served the Church, as Pastor, Presiding Elder, Secretary of the Conference, or Representative in our delegate bodies, he rendered a high order of service; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request Bishop C. B. Galloway to prepare a memorial volume of his life and ministry amongst us.

N. B. HARMON,  
T. B. HOLLOMAN,  
W. B. LEWIS,  
ROBT. SELBY,  
H. WALTER FEATHERSTUN,  
A. F. WATKINS,  
G. S. HARMON,  
J. A. B. JONES.

Question Five was called:—"Who are readmitted?" M. J. Miller, local deacon, recommended by the Brookhaven District Conference, was readmitted.

The Committee on Public Worship read the following:

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WORSHIP.

Methodist Church—W. H. Saunders, on Saturday at 3 P. M.

Opera House—W. B. Lewis, Saturday night at 7:20; this service will be followed by the sacramental service. On Sunday at 11 P. M., Bishop H. C. Morrison, followed by ordination of deacons; 3 P. M., memorial service; 7 P. M., W. B. Murrah, followed by ordination of elders.

Baptist Church, East McComb—11 A. M., B. F. Jones.

Christian Church—11 A. M., J. T. Leggett; 7 P. M., M. L. Burton.

First Baptist Church—11 A. M., C. A. Powell; 7 P. M., T. B. Holloman.

Presbyterian Church—11 A. M., J. S. Carpenter; 7 P. M., J. M. Weems.

Summit—11 A. M., J. G. Cammack.

White's Town—3 P. M., C. W. Crossly.

Magnolia—11 A. M., W. M. Sullivan.

The Conference adjourned with singing, and the benediction pronounced by W. L. C. Hunnicutt.

## FIFTH DAY—MEMORIAL SESSION.

McCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 15, 1901.

The Conference met in the Methodist Church at 3 P. M., H. W. Featherstun, by request of Bishop Morrison, in the chair.

H. R. Singleton conducted the opening religious exercises.

Question Nineteen was called:—"What preachers have died during the past year?" Answer: H. B. Trevilion, W. M. Stevens, R. W. Bailey, W. B. Hines, P. A. Johnston, E. A. Flowers.

H. G. Hawkins read a Memoir of H. B. Trevilion, prepared by H. W. Featherstun. C. McDonald, T. L. Mellen, T. B. Holloman, C. A. Powell, I. L. Peebles, W. G. Forsythe and J. P. Drake made remarks upon the life and character of Bro. Trevilion and the Memoir was adopted as follows:

### REV. H. B. TREVILION.

Hiram B. Trevilion was born Jan. 29th, 1850; was married to Miss Alice J. Vardeman, Dec. 28th, 1871; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in August, 1889; was admitted on trial into the Mississippi Conference in December, 1890; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Key, Dec. 21st, 1893; and died at Columbia, Miss., Dec. 28th, 1900.

These meager data give the bare outlines of a true, brave life that came among us and toiled with us for ten years. In 1891, he served Live Oak Circuit, in 1892, East Baton Rouge Circuit and in 1893, Tallisheek Circuit. All of these are in the "Florida parishes" of Louisiana, then a part of our Conference, but now in the Louisiana Conference. During this year, 1893, Rev. John A. Ellis, pastor at Moss Point, died; the pastor at Ellisville was sent to fill his place and Bro. Trevilion was removed from Tallisheek to Ellisville. He was returned to Ellisville Station for 1894. In 1895 he was on the Eastabuchie Circuit, and at Augusta in 1896. He was at Columbia in 1897, 1898 and 1899.

In 1900 he was at Fernwood. About the middle of the year, he became the innocent victim of a dark and dastardly conspiracy and a cruel and cowardly assault, which left him so bruised and beaten that he never recovered. He had to be relieved of his charge; and was carried by his family back to Columbia, his former charge, where true and tried friends cared for him until his death.

At our last Conference, which closed but eleven days before his death, he was placed upon the roll of the Superannuated, the "roll of honor."

As the end drew near he commissioned his loved ones to bear to his brethren of the Mississippi Conference this message: "Tell them that I shall be on the other side to welcome them home as they come; for I am praying the dear Father to take me home out of all my sufferings." His last words were: "Peace! peace! peace!" Thus passed this true, sweet-spirited, good man from a Gethsemane of suffering to the paradise of our ascended Lord.

Bro. Trevilion was more than what we term merely "a good preacher," his sermons were much above the ordinary—above those generally heard from our pulpits; and had he come among us when twenty years of age instead of forty, he would undoubtedly have ranked among the highest in usefulness and ability.

H. W. Featherstun read a Memoir of Wm. Stevens. H. W. Feathers-tun, J. M. Weems, W. J. Dawson, C. W. Crisler, G. A. Guice, T. L. Mellen, W. J. Ferguson, and H. M. Ellis made remarks, and the Memoir was adopted as follows:

#### REV. W. M. STEVENS.

Wm. Micon Stevens, son of Capt. James H. and Mrs. Olive A. Stevens, was born in Bastrop, La., Dec. 11, 1864, and died in Meridian, Miss., July, 22nd, 1901. Baptized into the Protestant Episcopal Church, he was in due time confirmed as a member of that church. In 1885 he entered Kavanaugh College, and at a revival held in the autumn made a public profession of religion. A year later he joined our church; and on April 2nd, 1887, was licensed to preach. In the summer of 1889, Providence Circuit having become vacant, he was appointed by the Presiding Elder to the vacancy. In December of that year he was admitted on trial into the Mississippi Conference, and appointed to South Warren Circuit. He served this, his first charge, for four years, during which time it passed from a mission to a self-supporting charge with two new churches and a nice, new parsonage, paying its pastor \$600 per year. This remarkable success in his first charge gave promise of large usefulness, and suggested unusual ability and a consecration in keeping with his calling. His next charge was Rocky Springs, which he served for three years. Thence he was sent to Harriston, where he remained but one year. From there he went to Lake, where he remained three years. His last charge was West End, Meridian, which he served half a year, when God took him.

He was ordained deacon by Bishop Hendrix, Dec., 13th, 1891, and elder by Bishop Keener, Dec. 16th, 1894. He was married to Miss Sophie R. Ball, of Tylertown, Miss., on Dec. 26th, 1889. She, with three children, survives him; two others are with him in "the house of many mansions."

He entered the Conference before he had gotten a diploma, feeling that he hardly had time and means to complete a college course. Possibly the step in his case was a wise one; but realizing at a later date that he needed some further fitting for his life-work, with the endorsement of his plan by his Presiding Elder, he went, last year, to Chicago and entered the famous Bible Training School founded by Mr. Moody. In reply to a suggestion that he purposed becoming a traveling evangelist, he clearly stated that such was not his plan; but that he had gone to Chicago merely that he might better fit himself to be a pastor. A pastor-evangelist was his ideal: he longed to save souls, and felt that he could best do this as a pastor.

If there was one feature of this strong, manly character that we are studying, more marked than any other, it was a quiet, self-composed, superior courage, "the courage of his convictions," a courage as foreign to parade as it was to fear. Very marked, also, was his fidel-

ity to duty—more properly his love for the beautiful service of his Lord. His piety was beautiful. Quiet, unassuming, undemonstrative, he was not inclined to make public the sacred secrets of his soul; but we, who knew him best, read in his life the unmistakable indications of his close walk with God. His ideals were high, his purposes pure and strong, his fidelity to right and duty unswerving, his courage undaunted, his piety beautiful and manly, his faith in Christ unfaltering, his loyalty to the Church unimpeachable, and his hope of heaven undimmed.

When the summons came it found him ready. Conscious of his approaching death he spoke calmly of a preference to stay and carry on the work he was doing, but declared himself ready and willing to go if it was God's will. Thus he passed from us, in the prime of a stalwart manhood, and from a sphere of increasing usefulness.

Why is it that just when his family needed him most, that just when he had reached that long-toiled-for point in his career where he was best fitted for his work, that just as he was stepping to a higher plane of usefulness, he must lay it all down? It is a strange providence. We may not understand it now; but we shall understand it when

“ We shall know as we are known  
In the dawning  
Of the morning  
When the mists have rolled away.”

Of fine physique and manly bearing he was a kingly specimen of young manhood. Pure in life, consecrated in heart, high in his purposes, gifted in intellect and attractive in manner, his was a most promising future; but God suddenly turned that hopeful future heavenward, and all is well.

A. F. Watkins read the following memoir of R. W. Bailey, prepared by H. W. Featherstun. Remarks were made by T. L. Mellen, Prof. J. A. Moore, J. E. Gray, A. F. Watkins, L. S. Jones, J. W. Brown, J. W. Campbell and the memoir was adopted.

#### REV. R. W. BAILEY.

Robert Watkins Bailey, the son of Henry Clay and Harriet Amanda Bailey, was born in Colusa County, California, on Dec. 12, 1861: and died at Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California, Feb. 9, 1901.

With the exception of two terms at public school and two at private school, his education was gotten at home and in a printing office. He educated himself and he did it well.

He was converted at Wilmington, Cal., in 1878 under the ministry of Rev. A. M. Campbell; was licensed to preach on Oct. 22, 1882; and was admitted on trial into the Los Angeles Conference within a few days. He was ordained deacon Oct. 26, 1884, and elder, Oct. 31, 1886.

His first charge was Bakersfield, a mission in the mountains, where he was compelled to toil as a sheep herder for three months for a livelihood. The next year he was sent to Arroyo Grande. Subsequently he served New Port, New River, Pasadena and San Diego.

In 1892, he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference, and was appointed for the ensuing year to Woodville. In 1894 and 1895 he served Hazlehurst. He was then appointed Conference Colporteur

and was domiciled at Jackson. When Dr. DuBose was elected General Secretary of Epworth Leagues in 1898, Bro. Bailey was appointed in his stead to the First Church in Jackson. He was re-appointed to this charge at the ensuing conference. Of his ministry in this charge, Bishop Galloway has thus written for a Jackson paper:

"To this community he especially endeared himself, on account of heroic and unwearied service during the prevalence of yellow fever. It is no disparagement to others to say that no one equalled him in the number of hours, day and night, given to the afflicted, the nurses secured, and other attentions shown. Never having been exposed to the disease before, he seemed to know no fear, and with an almost reckless disregard of himself, went wherever there was a person in distress. I often tried to restrain him from unnecessary exposure, and sought to shield him by tender of personal service, but without avail. He felt that duty called him and that voice he was ever quick to hear and speedily obey. His name will always be tenderly cherished in many afflicted homes in this city."

His last pastorate was Moss Point. Early in the year a deadly malady developed. He sought relief in Colorado, and hoped that he had thwarted the destroyer. He returned to his work; but the malady returned and drove him again to Colorado; but finding no relief there, he hastened to his father's home in California, where he died.

One who has known him more intimately and for a longer period than has any member of this Conference thus writes of him:

"I knew him well and loved him much. I knew him when a boy in his home by the western sea, and was entertained in his father's house, and met his mother and sisters.

"'Wat,' as we called him, was then a boy about seventeen years of age. I afterwards preached to him, when he taught public school at Los Bolsas, and was associated with him some years later when he was admitted on trial into the Los Angeles Conference. When in 1892 he came to Mississippi he was appointed to Woodville, where I was at the time in charge of Edward McGehee College. Thus he became my intimate associate, as well as my successor and predecessor in the Woodville pastorate. Since then, as fellow-workers in the Mississippi Conference, our relations have been close and cordial. Thus associated, I came to know him well, and, knowing him, loved him.

"No man among us thought more profoundly, and mixed with the old things of preaching more that was new and, in presentation, original. No man ever more fully obeyed Paul's injunction: 'Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good; nor did even Lucretia Mott herself cling more firmly to her own dictum: 'Truth for authority and not authority for truth,' than did this brave, conscientious young thinker in the Methodist ministry. His learning was broad as his thought was deep. He read much, read rapidly, read widely, read wisely, and remembered well.

"His intense logical acumen made him a natural polemic of high order. His native kindness of heart and suavity of manner added force to his arguments. I think that the strongest polemic effort that I have heard in twenty years on the floor of an Annual Conference came from his lips. His powers of analysis and illustration and appeal displayed on this occasion could hardly be excelled.

"Though thoughtful as a philosopher and learned as a sage, he was as transparently simple-hearted as a child. He seemed to be utterly void of egotism, and altogether unconscious of his large ability. In his family he was like a big boy—playfully free, yet utterly without any effort to be playful. With his friends, his closest friends, he was frank and easy and kind and perfectly natural. His unconventionality of manner, though so perfectly natural to him, was so uncommon (alas!) as to make him appear almost eccentric. He despised cant as if were sin, and was almost eccentrically unconventional. He would not wear clerical clothes, and he shunned 'clerical airs' and 'preacher tones' and avoided everything that might in any way be thought of as sanctimonious by the most critical. To me his unconventional naturalness was most refreshing, and, as I came to know and love him more, became a chief charm in his delightful personality.

His religious experiences were sacred secrets with God. It did not seem to occur to him that any one could be at all interested in them, and he, therefore, never thrust them upon anybody. This unusual reserve was so perfectly natural that no one seemed to expect anything else from him. Thus, in his life and in his preaching he so thoroughly 'hid behind the cross' that his personality was forgotten, but the Christ he preached was remembered.

"His capacity for work was marvelous. Slender, wiry, nervous, he moved quickly and never seemed to tire. Not even John Wesley could do more in a day than he. It required a large pastorate to fully occupy his time. Possibly he did too much. Certainly he did not rust. 'It is better to wear out than to rust out.' Now that he rests, his 'works do follow' him. The world is better because he was such a tireless toiler.

"Such, as I saw him, was my friend and brother, the brave, buoyant, learned and gifted, good and truly great young man who was taken from us ere he had reached his prime. Had he lived to reach that prime, he would have been known as a great man.

"As he was my predecessor as well as successor at Woodville, so he was my immediate predecessor at Moss Point, my present pastorate. The aroma of his splendid life lingers here. Although he came at the beginning of his invalidism, and was able to do but little work here, the people learned to love him, and some of them became bound very close to him. My life is richer because I knew him. Others share with me this feeling. 'He, being dead, yet speaketh,' not merely in the strong sermons he preached, but also in the memory of a manly life cast upon a kingly plane."

Another who knew him well thus speaks of him:

"Mr. Bailey was a man of remarkable intellectuality. Those who knew him longest and most intimately appreciated to admiration his striking originality, the incisiveness of his intellect, the quaintness of his humor, and his rare power of lucid and terse statement. At times his brief sentences were brilliant epigrams, full of the choicest wisdom. If he had had a rich, well-modulated voice, with some histrionic talent and the grace of an orator, he would have ranked among the greatest and most attractive preachers of our country.

"As it was, those who had trained minds, and were in search of intellectual and spiritual enrichment, heard him with increasing delight

and edification. Without doubt he was a man of unusual ability. And to intimate friends he was an attractive personality. A man of wide reading, accurate memory and rare literary taste, he was charming in conversation and instructive in public discourse. Some of his expositions of Scripture I shall retain in heart and memory through life.

"Though his physique was frail, and was held toward the last in the clasp of an insidious malady, yet it was difficult to think of my friend as an invalid. Active, hopeful, self-forgetful, he rarely mentioned his ailment, and never spoke of it as other than a slight temporary hindrance to work, of which he would soon be rid. Thus death seemed to take him almost unawares, although he was an invalid for a full year; but it found him ready. Bravely he met his 'Pilot face to face,'

'And there was no moaning of the bar  
When he put out to sea.'"

He was married Oct. 20, 1891, to Miss Fannie Connor, of Natchez, Miss., who, with three children, survives him.

J. M. Weems read the following Memoir of P. A. Johnston, prepared by D. P. Bradford, and spoke of his last days, announcing that Bro. Johnston had directed that \$500.00 of his life insurance go to the Mississippi Conference Endowment Fund, to be known as the "P. A. Johnston Memorial Fund." Ira B. Robertson, G. S. Harmon, R. B. Downer, R. H. Barr, G. A. Guice, and J. T. Nicholson made remarks. The Memoir was adopted.

#### REV. PINCKNEY A. JOHNSTON.

Rev. Pinckney A. Johnston, son of Gideon and Beulah Johnston was born in Cayuga, Hinds county, Miss., July 24, 1839; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1856; was brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, in August, 1858. While attending Centenary College, at Jackson, La., he, with several others, was licensed to preach in 1859. Rev. Barnabas Pipkin was then Presiding Elder of the district.

Bro. Johnston was received on trial in the Mississippi Conference in 1861; was ordained deacon by Bishop J. O. Andrews in 1863; was ordained elder by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, Dec. 3, 1871. He entered the Confederate Army as a volunteer in April, 1862, and in August of the same year was appointed chaplain. This relation he sustained until the cessation of hostilities. His experiences of these three years were rarely ever mentioned, even to most intimate friends. Soon after his return home he was married to Miss Hattie Siebe. Of this union five children were born. In 1866 he did not take work from the Conference, but spent much of his time in protracted meetings, where he was always efficient help. In 1867 he was junior preacher on Cayuga Circuit. He did not take work in 1868. In 1869 he served Vaiden Circuit; in 1870 the Kosciusko Circuit. That year the North Mississippi Conference was formed. He remained in this new Conference in 1871, serving Kosciusko and Bethel. In December of this year he came back to his old Conference. He was stationed at Hazlehurst in 1872, and in 1873, at his own request,

he was appointed to Gallman Mission. In 1874-5 he was on Providence Circuit; in 1876 he was put on the supernumerary list; in 1877, he served Georgetown Circuit; in 1878, Caseyville Circuit. It was during this year that she who had been the cheer and sunshine of the parsonage home was called to the life beyond. In 1879 he served Rankin Charge; in 1880, he was field agent for Whitworth Female College. But in the itinerant work, either as pastor or presiding elder, did he find the field alone that was congenial to his life. Jan. 14, 1880, he was married to Miss Mary E. Kelly, who, in his after life of faithful work, followed by some years of suffering, has been to him all that a wife could be. She, with four of the children—all Christians, and useful members of the church to which he gave his life—survive to rejoice in the life of such a husband and father. In 1881-82-83-84 he served Madison Circuit; in 1885, the Flora Circuit; 1886-87, East Feliciana Circuit; 1888-89-90-91, he was presiding elder of the Brandon District; in 1892-93-94, he was on the Woodville District. The General Conference of 1894 transferred a part of the territory embraced within this district to the Louisiana Conference; so he went with his district parsonage into this (Louisiana) Conference. In 1895 he was presiding elder on the Baton Rouge District; in 1896-7, he was stationed at Homer, La. Realizing that the hitherto strong physical man was gradually yielding to the effects of palsy, which had crept upon him, he asked for a superannuated relation in December, 1897. After spending awhile at Hazlehurst he came to Meridian, where three of the children were living. His brethren of the Mississippi Conference, appreciating the fact that his strong life had been given to this Conference asked that he be transferred to us, that we might minister to him in his afflictions. His prayers with his benedictions, had been ours, and we claimed the privilege of having his name upon our honor roll. Since coming to Meridian he has been a regular attendant at East End Church until his health prevented. The pastors of our churches here have visited him regularly. He was confined to his bed most of the time during this year. At times he would exclaim, "I am in a rapture of joy." During the last few days of his life his visions were glorious. At one time he started to tell Sister Johnston what he had just seen, but pausing a moment, said, "No, I won't tell it; the people will not believe it." The last nine days of his life he refused to take any nourishment, saying it only added to his suffering. For three days before the end came he could not take even a swallow of water. Finally, about 4:30 P. M., Sept. 26, he went sweetly into the beyond. Bros. Guice, Weems and Alford were at his side. I had been with him almost constantly for three days. I never saw greater devotion, nor more untiring attention given to a husband and father. The next day after his death he was buried from our East End Church, in which service the resident pastors, with the presiding elder and Bro. D. G. W. Ellis, took part. Then we laid him to rest in Magnolia Cemetery, in the northern part of the city. Thus has passed from our midst one of our most efficient workmen, a strong revival preacher, at one time a fine singer, and a man of unusual power in prayer. We esteem it an honor that Dr. C. G. Andrews and Rev. P. A. Johnston preached their last sermons from our East End pulpit.

J. A. B. Jones read the Memoir of W. B. Hines. J. P. Drake, D. C. Langford and R. D. Norsworthy spoke in Bro. Hines's memory; and the Memoir was adopted, as follows:

REV. W. B. HINES.

Rev. William B. Hines, the son of John Henderson Hines and Rhoda Glass, was born near Huntsville, Alabama, Feb. 8, 1819. His parents were from Albemarle County, Va., his father was of English descent and a local preacher. Maj. Hines, of revolutionary fame, his grandfather, witnessed Cornwallis surrender his sword to Gen. Washington, Oct. 19, 1781, at Yorktown, Va.

William B. Hines was converted during a camp meeting near Grenada, Miss., 1835. He was happily united in marriage with Miss Jane Fletcher Coppedge, of Grenada, Miss., in February, 1841. He was licensed to preach in Lexington, Miss., in 1845; recommended to the Mississippi Annual Conference in 1846; and in December of that year was admitted on trial into the traveling connection and appointed by Bishop Andrews to Bayou Sara, La. His second appointment was Yazoo Circuit with James A. Godfrey. At the Conference in Vicksburg, December 1848, he was admitted into full connection and ordained deacon by Bishop Paine. He was ordained elder by Bishop Paine in December, 1851 and appointed to Jackson, La. At the Conference of December, 1852, he was located at his own request; was re-admitted in 1853; and continued in the regular effective itinerant work until literally worn out and forced to superannuate. He served circuits, stations and districts in all portions of our Conference: Greenville District, 1857-61; Natchez District, 1861-65; Meridian District, 1871-74; Brandon District, 1875; and Jackson District, 1876-77. From 1877 to 1892 he traversed nearly the whole Conference territory, serving Brownsville, Waynesboro, Lauderdale, Summit, Adams, Scotland, Providence, Binnsville, Vossburg, and Lake.

At the Conference of 1892 he was enrolled a superannuate. He died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mollie L. Reed, in Summit, Miss., at 5 a. m., April 24, 1901. His wife, who had been his companion, counselor and comfort, truly a God-given "help meet" for fifty-nine years, preceded him, April 19, 1900, to the reward promised.

He was buried in Gloster, Miss., April 25, 1901, from the Methodist Church. Special memorial services were conducted in that church by Rev. J. A. B. Jones, May 5, 1901. He was the father of ten children, of whom six have died and four yet live.

The world and the church will not, cannot, know until the resurrection of the saints what sacrifices of personal and domestic comfort and financial interest William B. Hines quietly endured to serve his generation. He attained distinguished eminence as a preacher, pastor and adviser. A polished Christian gentleman, with clear perception, deep convictions and strong utterance, remarkably powerful in prayer, a consistent, joyous Christian, an efficient preacher and pastor—"After he had served his own generation by the will of God fell on sleep and was laid unto his fathers."

J. A. B. JONES.

J. A. B. Jones read the following Memoir of E. A. Flowers, and

remarks were made by F. M. Williams, R. D. Nosworthy, J. W. Brown, C. McDonald and W. M. Sullivan. The Memoir was adopted.

#### REV. E. A. FLOWERS.

Rev. Ephraim A. Flowers was born in Franklin County, Miss., Jan. 26, 1826, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Chapman, in Wesson, Miss., at 9 P. M., April 28, 1901, and was buried in the Flowers graveyard near Cool Springs Church, Franklin County, Miss., April, 30, 1901. Six children, twenty-seven grand-children, five great-grand-children and his second wife survive.

Ephraim Flowers, from his childhood, was commended for his scrupulous fidelity, indomitable energy and dauntless courage. Early in life he obeyed the call of mercy, duty and privilege, gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist Church. The vows he then assumed the covenant he entered into, he kept sacred and inviolate. His religious experience was clear, scriptural, robust. He entered actively into church work and early gave assurance of ability for great usefulness, possessing unusual gifts in prayer, song and exhortation.

He was admitted on trial in the Mississippi Annual Conference in December, 1853; into full connection and ordained deacon, December, 1855; completed the required course of study on schedule time and was ordained elder in December, 1857. His early educational advantages were distressingly limited, his labors abundant, yet he "brought up," his four years' course of study, passed creditable examinations, continued to make proficiency and was a popular and useful preacher and pastor.

In 1875 and 1876 he was supernumerary on account of failing health; 1877-1880, again effective; 1881-86, superannuated; 1887, served Roxie; 1888-89, superannuated; 1890, served North Wilkinson; 1891, supernumerary; and 1892 to time of his death in 1901, superannuated.

Serving missions to negro slaves, country and city congregations, or enduring disablement by ill health, he ever maintained a beautiful, consistent, Christian character, sunshine in his soul, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost."

The long evening twilight—ten years a superannuate—preceding the close on earth of such a life, could not be other than cloudless, serene, triumphant.

J. A. B. JONES.

Song was interspersed in the service; and the Memorial meeting closed with the benediction pronounced by D. C. Langford.

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#### SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MCCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC. 16, 1901.

The Conference met at the Methodist Church at 8:30 A. M., Bishop Morrison in the chair.

C. McDonald conducted the opening devotional exercises, reading

the fifteenth Psalm, leading in prayer, and announcing Hymn 106, "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me."

The Minutes of Saturday's session and of the Memorial session of Sunday afternoon were read, corrected and approved.

Question Six was called:—"Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?" The Bishop announced the transfer of W. H. Munger from the Indian Mission Conference and J. W. Lewis from the Louisville Conference.

C. W. Crisler read the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests, which, after amendment, was adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

*To the Bishop and members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Publishing Interests beg to report as follows:

#### PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The report of the Book Agents for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1901, shows a gratifying condition of the Publishing House. The volume of business continues to increase both in Dallas and in Nashville. After deducting \$1,447.30 loss on the *Methodist Review* and \$6.249.33. charged against the Epworth League Department, there remains a net gain in assets of \$37,426.65, which is a fair increase over last year.

#### GENERAL ORGAN.

The *Nashville Christian Advocate* is a most excellent periodical and merits our hearty support and most liberal patronage. We regret that it is not more widely read throughout the connection. We endorse unreservedly the management of Dr. Hoss.

#### THE METHODIST REVIEW.

This periodical is not surpassed by any of its kind anywhere. It should be more widely circulated. We regret that it is published at considerable loss.

#### REVIEW OF MISSIONS.

This is a superior publication and should be in every home in Southern Methodism. Surely no preacher can afford to be without it.

#### THE EPWORTH ERA.

This paper is well edited and is reaching a class of readers otherwise unprovided for by our Church. It ought to have better support.

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Our Sunday-school Literature is unsurpassed by literature of a similar kind in any church. We heartily commend to our preachers the recent action of the General Sunday-school Board in its arrangement for the organization and equipment of "The Bible Teacher's Study Circle" and earnestly urge them to interest superintendents and teachers in this advanced movement in Sunday-school work.

## THE NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

It is with gratification that we note the progress of our own Conference paper. It is our candid opinion that the *Advocate* has never been more ably edited during its long and illustrious history. We rejoice in its healthy financial condition.

We recommend the re-appointment of Revs. R. J. Jones, L. Carley and A. F. Watkins as Publishing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. SINGLETON, Chairman,

CHARLES. W. CRISLER, Secretary.

Question Twenty was resumed: The character of P. Howard was passed, and his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

H. W. Featherstun read a report from the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference, which, after being amended, was adopted as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Your Committee on Memorials to the General Conference beg leave to report that the following proposed Memorials have been before us:

1st. A Memorial offered by W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. A. B. Jones and others, looking to the election by the Quarterly Conference of a steward for each church to assist the pastor in raising the collections ordered by the Annual Conference; or to some method of relieving the pastor of the burden of these collections.

We recommend non-concurrence.

2nd. A Memorial offered by J. P. Drake and A. F. Watkins looking to a change of the Restrictive Rules whereby it may be possible to reach a fuller and clearer doctrinal statement, especially, upon certain much discussed points.

We recommend non-concurrence.

3rd. A Memorial offered by E. H. Mounger and H. R. Singleton to the effect that graduates from the theological department of Vanderbilt University should not be required to pass the usual examinations on the courses of study.

We recommend non-concurrence.

4th. A Memorial offered by T. L. Mellen as follows:

To the Bishops Presiding and Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held in Dallas, Tex., beginning Wednesday, the 7th day of May, A. D., 1902:—

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: The Mississippi Annual Conference of said Church would respectfully ask that §501, page 279, Appendix 1, Book of Discipline, be amended by striking out the closing clause, which reads as follows: "except that part of Neshoba County lying north of Pearl River."

The effect of this amendment would be to put all of Neshoba County into the bounds of the Mississippi Annual Conference where the same properly belongs; and thus make the boundary line between the North Mississippi and the Mississippi Conferences continuous with

the southern boundaries of Washington, Holmes, Attala, Winston and Noxubee Counties.

We recommend concurrence.

5th. A memorial offered by R. L. Bennett, Thomas A. Holloman, M. L. Burton and five others, as follows:

*To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be held at Dallas, Texas, in May, 1902:*

The Mississippi Conference respectfully memorializes your body to enact provisions whereby the order of deaconesses may be instituted under proper restrictions and conditions.

We recommend concurrence.

6th. A memorial offered by J. E. Carpenter as follows:

WHEREAS, we believe that the partial report to the Annual Conferences touching the Epworth League is calculated to discourage and retard its work; therefore we hereby memorialize the ensuing General Conference which meets in Dallas, Texas, next May, to provide for a blank for Annual Conference reports which will adequately set forth all the work done. A report similar to that on Sunday-schools, we believe would relieve a degree of present embarrassment, and give new impetus to the organization. C. W. CRISLER, Chairman

H. WALTER FEATHERSTUN, Sec.

A. F. Watkins and others offered a memorial to the General Conference, asking that the lay representation in an Annual Conference be fixed upon the basis of church membership. It was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The following account of J. A. B. Jones relative to the printing of the Minutes of 1900 was adopted:

J. A. B. JONES, SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.	
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Dec. 15, 1900, To Cash from J. M. Weems .....	\$10 40
To Check from Mission Board, Foreign Missions, .....	25 25
Dec. 17, 1900, To Check from Sunday School Board .....	25 25
To Check from Missions, Domestic, .....	25 25
To Check from Joint Board .....	25 25
Feb. 22, 1901, To Check from Church Extension .....	32 00
To Cash for Advertising .....	15 00
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Dec. 17, 1901, By Cash for Telegram ordered by Conference .....	\$ 2 62
By Cash for Printing 3000 Copies of Minutes .....	113 50
By Cash for Postage on 3000 Minutes .....	42 47
	<hr/> \$158 59
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J. A. B. JONES, Secretary.

The following was offered by A. F. Watkins and on motion adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to publish and distribute as many copies of the Minutes of the present session as the following apportionments to the different Conference Boards will provide for, viz:

Foreign Mission Board .....	\$ 32 50
Domestic Mission Board .....	20 00
Church Extension .....	32 50
Joint Board of Finance .....	32 50
Sunday School Board .....	32 50
Board of Education .....	32 50
	<hr/> \$182 50

At the request of the Secretary M. L. Burton was elected to assist in the publishing of the Minutes.

The following was offered and adopted:

*Resolved 1st,* That we request the Secretary to publish the constitution and by-laws of the Conference Brotherhood in the next issue of the Minutes.

*2d.* That we direct the Committee on Public Worship at the next session of our Conference to arrange for an evening for the Conference Brotherhood to hold a public meeting.

M. L. BURTON,  
W. B. LEWIS.

The following report was read by J. P. Drake, and, after being amended was adopted:

#### THE CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT FUND.

##### *To the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

Our Treasurer, R. J. Jones, had on hand when he closed his books for this session, the following amounts:

Invested Funds in Greenville City Bonds bearing interest at 8 per cent.....	\$ 1400 00
Levee Bonds bearing interest at 6 per cent.....	400 00
Notes of Barton Heirs bearing interest at 8 per cent. (Balance Van Houton Bequest)..	200 00
Note of our Joint Board of Finance (second) bearing interest at 10 per cent .....	2400 00
Uninvested Cash from accrued interest and partial payments. ....	701 73
 Total Assets .....	 \$5101 73

Since his bank account was closed he has received from Rev. G. M. Barton the annual interest on the \$200.00 of the Van Houton Bequest, viz.: \$16.00; and \$25.00 toward liquidating the principal, which is thus reduced to \$175.00. The notes originally given were for \$625.00. Interest has been paid very regularly and the principal gradually reduced. The sum of \$1024.00 has also just been paid us by the Joint Board of Finance. We expect to invest the cash now on hand as soon as it can safely and profitably be done. We make grateful acknowledgment of the generous bequest of our dear, departed P. A. Johnston, who devoted \$500.00 from his life insurance to this fund. How many will follow his godly example? We appeal to our preachers and active laymen to be on the watch for securing further donations to this fund, which promises so much substantial relief when it is sorely needed.

The following officers for the the ensuing year were elected, viz: T. L. Mellen, President; B. F. Jones, Vice-President; R. J. Jones, Treasurer; and J. P. Drake, Secretary.

In conclusion we offer the following resolution, to-wit:

*Resolved,* That the pastor of each charge be required to appoint some suitable member of his charge, who shall be authorized and empowered to solicit and receive contributions to the Conference Endowment Fund.

In behalf of the trustees.

J. P. DRAKE, Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

*Resolved,* That it is the sense of this Conference that when, in the judgment of the Presiding Elder, the condition of any preacher in

his district is such as to demand the reference of his name to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated or supernumerary relation, it is the duty of the Presiding Elder to advise him of his intention in this matter at least three months before the Conference session at which this course is contemplated.

C. A. POWELL,  
T. L. MELLEN.

J. G. Cammack announced that a monument could be erected over the grave of J. V. Penn, late of the Mississippi Conference, at Rolling Fork, Miss., for \$25 or \$30; and Bro. Cammack was given the privilege of taking a collection for that purpose, and he announced having received \$26.65.

J. D. Ellis read the report of the Sunday-school Board, which was adopted as follows:

*To the Bishop and Brethren of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Sunday-school Board submits the following report:

RECEIPTS.	
Proceeds from Children's Day .....	\$466 61
From other sources .....	6 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.	
For General Expenses .....	\$ 45 97
To Barbee & Smith .....	274 00
To Prof. Henry Spence .....	22 00
For Printing Conference Minutes .....	35 00
To General Board of Education .....	47 06
To General Sunday-school Board .....	47 06
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Balance on hand .....	1 52

Your Board this year has distributed free of charge 14,165 Children's Day Programmes, aided 15 Sunday-schools in the supply of various literature, put a library into one school, and considerably increased the circulation of the *Magazine* and *Sunday-school Visitor*.

Your Board is pleased to report that every application during the year for aid in supplying the regular lesson helps to needy Sunday-schools has been granted. A few applications from Sunday-schools for libraries and *Visitors* were rejected late in the year on account of our limited means.

The Board at this time and on account of an exhausted treasury can not say how soon the proposition concerning help toward libraries can be renewed, but it stands ready to grant aid toward any and all schools unable to supply themselves with the regular lesson literature.

We report again with regret that the collections have fallen considerably behind the collections of last year, a large number of charges not having reported anything whatever; nor was Children's Day observed.

We further regret to say that some of the pastoral charges which we have so generously assisted in recent years have remitted to us very little money. We would urge upon all the pastors that Children's Day be observed as the Discipline directs and no other day be substituted in its place.

In accordance with the 243rd paragraph of Discipline, a Conference

Sunday-school Convention was held last March at McComb City and the Board is pleased to report an increased number of pastors and others in attendance.

The next Convention will be held at Utica in March or April of next year. It will be combined with a Sunday-school Institute conducted by Dr. H. M. Hamill and no effort will be spared by the Board to make it a most profitable occasion.

We respectfully call the attention of all the pastors and Sunday-school workers to the fact that the Sunday-school Convention is their institution and not that of the Sunday-school Board, and we urge that all be in attendance.

We would further call the pastors' attention and sympathy to the course of study for Sunday-school teachers prepared by the General Sunday-school Board. It is through their help that the movement set on foot can be successfully conducted and the Sunday-school teaching lifted above the haphazard methods so often employed in Sunday-school teaching.

#### RESOLUTION.

*Resolved*, By the Sunday-school Board that the Annual Conference set apart some evening of its session for a Sunday-school Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. D. ELLIS, Secretary.

W. J. Ferguson read the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, which was amended and adopted in the following form:

#### BIBLE CAUSE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

We, your Committee, desire to submit the following report:

We feel that it is not necessary to consume the time of this Conference in urging the importance of the work of the American Bible Society, since all have had so many opportunities of being informed as to the great work of this most worthy institution; but will refer to the seeming neglect on the part of many members of this body in supporting said Society.

We find by reference to the statistical reports that many of the brethren pay a much larger per cent. of money collected to other causes than to the American Bible Society.

We are not ignorant of the fact that it would be a waste of money on the part of our Board of Missions to send missionaries, and our Church Extension Board to build churches, without supplying the people with the Word of God translated into their various languages, to do which the American Bible Society, when supplied with the needed funds, gives ample means.

The Society having now the urgent call for the Bible in several languages, we, therefore, recommend the continuance of the assessment for this cause and would urge all members of this Conference to make special effort to secure the full assessment.

We note with great pleasure the steady growth of this great institution.

The American Bible Society is now entering upon the 86th year of

its history and during these years there have been issued 68,923,434 copies of the Holy Scriptures. In its last report it gives an increase of 149,327 volumes over the previous years and an expenditure of \$39,138,296.

We are glad to note the great work among the colored people conducted by Rev. Mr. Wragg, of South Atlanta, whose aim it is to put a copy of the Bible in every colored home.

Our field agent, Rev. G. D. French, D. D., of Morristown, Tenn., has kindly offered his services to any of the brethren of this Conference, and will be glad to fill any appointments made through our Conference Secretary.

We recommend Rev. G. M. Hull as Conference Secretary.

We report Bible auxilliaries at the following places: Central Church, Meridian, Brandon, Crystal Springs and Magnolia.

The assessment of \$1000 is divided among the several districts as follows: Vicksburg, \$135; Natchez, \$130; Jackson, \$150; Forest, \$135; Meridian, \$150; Brookhaven, \$150; Seashore, \$150.

(Signed)      W. J. FERGUSON, Chairman.  
                  G. M. HULL, Secretary and Treasurer.

H. M. Ellis read Report No. 1. of the Board of Education; and Dr. W. B. Murrah, President of Millsaps, Dr. A. F. Watkins, President of Whitworth College, and Rev. L. S. Jones, President of Port Gibson Female College, addressed the Conference. The Report was then adopted as follows:

#### REPORT NO. 1. OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board of Education report as follows:

#### MILLSAPS COLLEGE.

The report from our magnificent college for boys is very gratifying and we have great cause to thank God for his blessings and guidance of its affairs. The prospects of the institution are most encouraging. The additional gift of Maj. R. W. Millsaps of grounds and buildings immediately adjoining the college greatly enhances the value of our property and gives us one of the finest college properties in the South. We also sincerely appreciate the gift of Mr. Dan. A. James of Observatory and Telescope in memory of his father and brother.

In view of the increased demands on this great institution we call upon our charges for full collections for the small amounts asked of them for this important work. We would also urge our pastors to seek every opportunity of increasing the endowment, which is altogether inadequate for the growing demands and unlimited possibilities of the future.

We recommend the re-appointment of Dr. J. A. Moore to the chair of Mathematics.

#### WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

The success of this excellent and honored girls' college, as shown by the report of its Board of Trustees, is cause for rejoicing and congratulation. The many improvements made by Bros. Watkins and Burton

have put it in first-class condition and made its rooms neat and comfortable. We are especially gratified that its curriculum is being brought up to the requirements of the General Board. We recommend the re-appointment of Dr. A. F. Watkins as President, and Rev. M. L. Burton as Vice-President and Business Manager.

We recommend the confirmation of the Board of Trustees: B. F. Jones, Dr. J. W. Martin, E. H. Mounger, A. C. McNair, Dr. J. T. Butler, F. B. Catchings, I. W. Lampton, Miss Addie V. Marshall, T. W. Adams, R. W. Millsaps, J. S. Sexton, I. C. Enoch, L. L. Lampton and W. C. Wilkinson. The President and Vice-President are *ex-officio* members.

#### EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE.

The reports of the President and Board of Trustees indicate the continuance of its marvelous growth and prosperity, and the enlargements and improvements are still being pressed for the future needs of the institution. We are glad to receive the report of the Board of Trustees, submitting their names for confirmation by the Conference, as follows: L. P. Brown, B. V. White, W. H. Curtis, J. A. Gulley, J. B. Chatfield, J. C. Cavett, Dr. T. K. Krouse, G. H. Gallo-way, C. P. Weatherbee, R. J. Jones, T. C. Harmon, J. A. Lewis, T. C. Wyatt, J. E. Watts, B. F. Lewis, W. H. Ormond, J. R. Enoch, W. C. Black, D. D., the confirmation of which we recommend.

It is recommended that the present Board of Trustees be requested to secure such amendments to the present charter, or, if need be, such new charter, as shall conform to the conditions set forth in the original deed of conveyance, and align the College with other educational institutions which are under the patronage and control of the Mississippi Conference; and that the present Board of Trustees shall become Trustees of the new or amended charter.

#### PORt GIBSON FEMALE COLLEGE.

Rev. L. S. Jones, President of Port Gibson Female College, has done excellent work for this institution and we rejoice with him in the large success he has achieved. The improvements made and buildings being erected add much to the value of that fine property and we trust his largest expectations will be realized. We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. L. S. Jones to the presidency of the College.

The Board of Trustees have handed us the names of their members for confirmation by the Conference, which we recommend to be done, viz.: L. A. Smith, H. C. Mounger, Jas. B. Allen, E. S. Drake, H. H. Crisler, C. C. Goza, Thos. Mount, G. E. Ellis, G. W. Humphreys, and the Presiding Elder and Pastor at Port Gibson are members *ex officio*.

#### EDWARD M'GEHEE FEMALE COLLEGE.

From the statistics we judge this institution is doing well but for some reason we have failed to receive a report, except the names of the members of the Board of Trustees which we recommend to be confirmed. They are: Chas. G. McGehee, J. H. Jones, Jas. M. Sessions, George H. Peets, George T. McGehee, T. O. Woods, L. T. Ventress, R. M. McGehee, D. C. Bramlette, L. A. Murdock, John S. Cobb, H. M. Quin, W. P. S. Ventress, J. H. Redhead, J. W. McQueen, W. L. C. Hunnicutt.

**PAINÉ AND LANE INSTITUTES.**

We would reaffirm our interest in these worthy and useful institutions and congratulate them on their achievements and prospects. We recommend the same assessment of \$300.00 as for last year.

**FOREST DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.**

We are glad to learn from its report that this training school for our colleges is being well patronized and is doing good work. We recommend it most heartily to the people of that district.

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.**

For the second year we have failed to receive any communication from this great and thoroughly equipped institution, but we give it our hearty endorsement and good wishes, and call the attention of our people to the magnificent advantages it offers and urge them to liberal and faithful use thereof. We regret that its Biblical department has not received more from the Twentieth Century offerings but trust that it will yet secure the liberal endowment that its success and large usefulness require.

**CORRELATION.**

We again recommend that all our educational institutions conform their courses of study as rapidly as possible to the recommendations of the General Board of Education and class themselves accordingly.

**EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.**

The following statistics are reported:

Number of Institutions .....	6
Value of Property .....	\$210,800 00
Endowment .....	\$110,500 00
Professors and Teachers .....	74
Pupils.....	1047

**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.**

We have received this year from educational collections \$1659.87, which is an increase over last year of \$289.07.

We have divided this as follows:

Millsaps College .....	\$1227 37
Paine and Lane Institutes.....	210 00
General Board .....	190 00
Printing Minutes .....	32 50
Total Paid Out .....	\$1659 87

**ASSESSMENTS.**

We respectfully recommend the following as the educational assessment for the ensuing year:

For Millsaps College .....	\$1750 00
For Paine and Lane Institutes.....	300 00
For General Board .....	272 00
Total Assessment for 1902 .....	\$2322 00

We recommend the following apportionment of this among the Districts:

Vicksburg District .....	\$290 00
Jackson District .....	370 00
Forest District .....	302 00
Meridian District .....	330 00
Seashore District .....	370 00
Brookhaven District .....	370 00
Natchez District .....	290 00

W. H. HUNTLEY, President.  
H. M. ELLIS, Secretary.

H. C. Brown read the following, which was adopted:

**REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.**

*To the President and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

Your Committee, appointed to examine District Conference Records, submit the following report:

We have examined the records of the Jackson, Forest, Seashore, Brookhaven, Vicksburg Natchez and Meridian Districts, and find that each has been neatly and correctly kept.

The record of the Jackson District deserves special mention as it is a model of neatness.

We would suggest to the Secretaries of the Meridian, Brookhaven, Natchez and Vicksburg Districts that each of these Records would be greatly improved by the addition of a marginal index.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. BROWN, Secretary.

It was moved and carried that the Conference hold an afternoon session, beginning at 3 o'clock.

P. D. Hardin read Report No. 1. of the Joint Board of Finance. Upon motion of J. M. Weems, that part of the report making appropriation to the children of G. W. Ferrer was referred back to the Board for a second report; and Report No. 1 was then adopted as follows:

**REPORT NO. 1, JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.**

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Joint Board of Finance submit the following report for the year 1901:

Eight of our claimants have died during the year, viz: Mrs. S. Dawson, Mrs. Joseph Nicholson, Mrs. J. M. Gann, Rev. H. B. Trevillion, Rev. R. W. Bailey, Rev. W. B. Hines, Rev. E. A. Flowers and Rev. P. A. Johnston.

We have met all claims on us during the first three quarters of the year, and are glad to report that we will pay the claimants in full. An excess over last year of \$1151.13 has been paid on the Conference Claimant Fund. This increase in the collections is very gratifying to the Board and will afford much comfort to our worthy claimants.

We recommend that the presiding elders be required to collect the Bishop's Fund. We recommend the continuance of the quarterly payment plan, and that the first Sunday in March or as near thereto as practicable be observed as Veteran's Day, and this collection be taken on its own merits.

We nominate as trustees of the Conference Endowment Fund: T.

L. Mellen, B. F. Jones, R. J. Jones, B. S. Rayner, J. P. Drake, J. W. Chambers and W. M. Thornton.

Your Board has made the following allowances for the year 1902:

Miss Georgia Stewart .....	\$25	Mrs. H. F. Johnson .....	\$125	Rev. R. B. Downer .....	\$200
Mrs. Wm. Finn .....	75	Mrs. A. B. Nicholson .....	100	Rev. G. W. Ferrer's chil-	
Mrs. T. Y. Armstrong .....	75	Mrs. E. A. Flowers .....	50	dren .....	100
Mrs. J. N. Williams .....	75	Mrs. J. A. Ellis .....	75	Rev. T. W. Brown .....	100
Mrs. J. J. Smylie .....	75	Rev. H. R. Caldwell .....	150	Rev. W. W. Hurst .....	150
Mrs. Matt. Calhoun .....	75	Mrs. D. A. Little .....	150	Rev. J. H. Holland .....	175
Mrs. E. R. Strickland .....	100	Mrs. J. L. Forsythe .....	50	Miss Fannie Lou Newsom .....	50
Mrs. W. E. Ballard .....	50	Mrs. J. W. Ellison .....	75	Mrs. C. C. Watkins .....	20
Mrs. J. M. Pugh .....	75	Rev. J. H. Evans .....	175	Mrs. R. W. Bailey .....	150
Mrs. R. S. Woodward .....	100	Mrs. H. D. Berry .....	75	Mrs. H. B. Trevilion .....	75
Mrs. D. Merchant .....	100	Rev. R. A. Sibley .....	175	Rev. J. W. Harmon .....	50
Mrs. T. S. West .....	25	Rev. N. B. Young .....	75	Miss Martin Bell .....	50
Mrs. P. A. Johnston .....	50	Rev. J. A. Vance .....	100	Mrs. W. M. Stevens .....	100
Mrs. Laura Price .....	125	Mrs. N. M. Clark .....	100	Rev. P. Howard .....	150
Mrs. G. M. Gilmore .....	75	Rev. D. G. W. Ellis .....	75	Rev. J. T. Nicholson .....	200
Mrs. D. M. Wiggins .....	75	Rev. L. P. Meador .....	150	Rev. H. D. Howell .....	150

The assessment for conference claimants for the year 1902 is \$7,000, divided among the districts as follows:

Jackson District .....	\$1100 00
Brookhaven District .....	1100 00
Vicksburg District .....	900 00
Meridian District .....	1100 00
Seashore District .....	1000 00
Forest District .....	900 00
Natchez District .....	850 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$6950 00</b>

The assessment for Bishops for the year 1902 is \$1,416, and is divided as follows:

Jackson District .....	\$220 00
Brookhaven District .....	220 00
Meridian District .....	215 00
Vicksburg District .....	185 00
Seashore District .....	190 00
Natchez District .....	180 00
Forest District .....	190 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1400 00</b>

We have collected on expenses of Delegates to General Conference:

Jackson District .....	\$15 00
Brookhaven District .....	29 20
Meridian District .....	51 68
Forest District .....	13 00
Vicksburg District .....	21 40
Seashore District .....	13 00
Natchez District .....	25 25
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$168 53</b>

We have collected this year for the Bishops:

	ASSESSED	PAID
Jackson District .....	\$220 00	\$222 00
Brookhaven District .....	220 00	225 30
Meridian District .....	215 00	223 00
Vicksburg District .....	190 00	190 00
Seashore District .....	190 00	190 00
Forest District .....	185 00	190 00
Natchez District .....	180 00	180 90
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1400 00</b>	<b>\$1421 20</b>

We have collected this year for Conference claimants:

	ASSESSED	PAID
Jackson District .....	\$1100 00	\$860 45
Brookhaven District .....	1100 00	897 30
Meridian District .....	1100 00	920 00
Vicksburg District .....	950 00	751 65
Seashore District .....	950 00	950 00
Forest District .....	900 00	900 48
Natchez District .....	900 00	755 55
Total from the regular collections .....	\$7000 00	\$6035 43
From the Calvin Bequest Funds .....		29 00
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>\$6064 43</b>

We have expended:

For printing Minutes for 1901 .....	\$ 25 25
For Interest .....	240 00
For Incidentals .....	13 00
Printing Minutes for 1902 .....	32 50
Paid the Claimants .....	4781 25
Refunded on Conference Endowment Fund .....	800 00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$5892 00</b>
Balance on hand .....	72 43

Following are the amounts paid the claimants this year:

Mrs. Wm. Finn .....	\$ 75 00	Rev. J. A. Vance .....	\$100 00	Rev. W. B. Hines .....	\$ 75 00
Mrs. T. Y. Armstrong .....	75 00	Mrs. N. M. Clark .....	100 00	Rev. L. P. Meador .....	150 00
Mrs. J. N. Williams .....	50 00	Rev. D. G. W. Ellis .....	175 00	Mrs. G. W. Ferrer .....	150 50
Mrs. S. Dawson .....	18 75	Rev. P. Howard .....	150 00	Rev. R. B. Downer .....	200 00
Mrs. J. J. Smylie .....	75 00	Mrs. D. Merchant .....	100 00	Rev. T. W. Brown .....	100 00
Mrs. Matt. Calhoun .....	75 00	Mrs. T. S. West .....	75 00	Rev. W. W. Hurst .....	150 00
Mrs. E. R. Strickland .....	100 00	Rev. P. A. Johnston .....	175 00	Rev. J. H. Holland .....	175 00
Mrs. W. E. Ballard .....	75 00	Mrs. G. M. Gilmore .....	75 00	Miss Fannie Lou Newsom .....	50 00
Mrs. J. M. Pugh .....	75 00	Mrs. D. M. Wiggins .....	75 00	Miss Georgia Stewart .....	25 00
Mrs. R. S. Woodward .....	100 00	Mrs. H. F. Johnson .....	125 00	Rev. R. W. Bailey .....	150 00
Mrs. D. A. Little .....	150 00	Mrs. A. B. Nicholson .....	100 00	Rev. W. G. Backus .....	250 00
Mrs. J. W. Ellison .....	75 00	Rev. E. A. Flowers .....	50 00	Rev. H. B. Trevilion .....	150 00
Rev. J. H. Evans .....	150 00	Mrs. J. A. Ellis .....	75 00	Mrs. J. M. Gann .....	5 00
Mrs. H. D. Berry .....	75 00	Mrs. C. C. Watkins .....	20 00	Rev. J. W. Harmon .....	25 00
Rev. R. A. Sibley .....	175 00	Rev. H. R. Caldwell .....	150 00		
Rev. N. B. Young .....	112 50	Mrs. Laura Price .....	125 00		

J. W. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

P. D. HARDIN, Secretary.

W. M. THORNTON, Treasurer.

The following was adopted:

#### A RESOLUTION ON STATE PROHIBITION.

*Resolved*, By the Mississippi Annual Conference, in session assembled at McComb City, December 14th, 1901—

That we respectfully ask His Excellency, the Governor of the State of Mississippi, to recommend to the Legislature of said State at its sitting in 1902 the enactment of a statute giving to the State statutory prohibition.

(Signed) :

GEO. H. THOMPSON,  
W. B. LEWIS,  
H. M. ELLIS,  
P. D. HARDIN,  
M. L. BURTON.

A. F. Watkins, Secretary, was instructed to convey a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the singing of the long meter doxology and the benediction pronounced by R. B. Downer.

## SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

MC COMB CITY MISS., DEC., 16, 1901.

The Conference met in the Methodist Church at 3 p. m., Dr. W. C. Black, by request of Bishop Morrison, in the Chair.

W. M. Sullivan conducted the opening devotional exercises, announcing Hymn 354 and leading in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

P. D. Hardin read Report No. 2 of the Joint Board of Finance which was tabled and Report No. 1, as originally offered, was adopted.

The following was adopted:

## CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

*Resolved*, That it is the wish of the Board of Missions that T. L. Mellen be appointed Conference Missionary Secretary, and fifty dollars be allowed for expenses.

H. W. VAN HOOK,  
Secretary of Board of Missions.

Dr. W. L. C. Hunnicutt read the following which was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The proper observance of the Christian Sabbath is fundamentally essential to the maintenance and spread of Christ's kingdom in the world. Without the Sabbath we would soon have no church; without the church, no Bible; without the Bible, no God; without God, no true religion, but rank heathenism and universal diabolism would prevail. It may be confidently affirmed that had not a Sabbath been divinely designated, devout men would need to set apart a portion of time for the special consideration of eternal things that all the affections and energies of man might not be absorbed in the things of this life.

If the maintenance of the Christian Sabbath is essential to man's spiritual welfare, it is likewise indispensable to his highest worldly interests. The Sabbath was made for man in the fullest and broadest sense, and disregard of it leads to no good for this world or the next.

“A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content,  
And assures us health for the morrow;  
But a Sabbath profaned, whate'er may be gained,  
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.”

When a man undertakes to cheat God he always cheats himself. The strength of God's laws lies in the eternal self-executing retributiveness of their violation. The Sabbath is for man, that man may be for God. Hence every true lover of the human race must be a friend of the Sabbath. It is at once the support of Christianity and the bulwark of civilization.

The ordinary low conception of the Sabbath as only a day on which men are forbidden to work is entirely beneath its heavenly significance. The Christian Sabbath, or Lord's day, (usually, but not Scripturally, called Sunday) as commemorating the resurrection of Christ, is indeed the golden day of the church on earth. Let christen-

dom rejoice in the fact that while the Jewish Sabbath commemorates the creation of the world, the Christian Sabbath commemorates its redemption by Jesus Christ. If the old Sabbath was glorious, this then excels in glory. Hence the change of the day from the seventh to the first day of the week.

" 'Twas great to speak the world from nought,  
'Twas greater to redeem."

The keeping of the Sabbath holy is a heavenly festival to which when all are invited, all make excuses why they cannot come. There is an immeasurable distance between the slave who merely obeys the law, by ceasing to labor on the holy day and the child of God who

"Leaves the world one day in seven  
To spend the sacred hours in heaven,"

reveling in the ineffable delights of the New Jerusalem.

Yet all the world and a large part of the church hold the Sabbath in such low esteem that appeal has to be made to civil law and police to save the day from utter desecration. But let it be borne in mind that while legal restrictions may prevent the grosser violations of the Sabbath, nothing but a deeper and more general realization, especially among Christians, of the divine uses and heavenly experiences which the day was intended to promote can ever make the Lord's day what its Author designed it to be.

A communication from Dr. Edward Thompson, General Manager of the Sunday League of America, which was referred to this committee, has been considered and we cordially commend the objects and work of the League to the favor and co-operation of our ministers and members everywhere. There is danger that uninstructed foreigners and the thoughtless and vicious of our own land will turn our Sunday of rest into a day of wicked amusement or criminal indulgence. Let our Sabbath be preserved, negatively, by reducing labor to a minimum of works of real mercy or necessity, thereby leaving all free to seek the higher spiritual objects of the day; and positively, by a more joyous consecration of its sacred hours to God.

Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we will strive to avoid unnecessary work, buying or selling, traveling, cooking and all other violations of the Sabbath, and will endeavor to realize those high spiritual experiences which the day was intended to promote, "not doing our own ways nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words, but making the Sabbath a delight, holy to the Lord and honorable."

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Chairman.

The following Resolution of Thanks to Major Millsaps was adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Conference that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Maj. R. W. Millsaps for the donation to Millsaps College of the very excellent property consisting of grounds and buildings immediately adjoining the College and valued at \$35,000.00.

ROBT. SELBY,  
H. M. ELLIS,  
H. G. HAWKINS,  
W. H. HUNTLEY.

V. D. Skipper read the following which was adopted as the Report of the Committee on

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Conference Relations report as follows: We recommend for the superannuated relation, J. A. Vance, R. A. Sibley, L. P. Meador, R. B. Downer, J. W. Harmon, H. R. Caldwell, J. H. Evans, D. G. W. Ellis, T. W. Brown W. W. Hurst, J. H. Holland, H. D. Howell, J. T. Nicholson, N. B. Young and P. Howard.

For supernumerary relation, J. W. McLaurin.

Respectfully,  
V. D. SKIPPER, Chairman.

A collection was taken for J. T. Nicholson whose name had been put upon the superannuated list; and \$76.00 was raised.

F. L. Crowson's name was called and he was continued on trial in the class of the second year.

Question Nine was called:—"What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?" Answered: John Robert Jones, Joseph Winston Campbell, Wm. Leroy Hightower, Earl Leslie Alford.

Question Eleven was called:—"What local preachers are ordained deacons?" Answered: Wm. Wesley Murray, John Daunt Warner.

Question Thirteen was called:—"What traveling preachers are ordained elders?" Answered: L. E. Alford, R. A. Sibley, Jr., H. J. Moore.

Question Fifteen was called:—"What local preachers are ordained elders?" Answered: N. E. Alford.

Question Sixteen was called:—"Who are located this year?" Answered: None.

H. W. Featherstun read the following, which was adopted as

REPORT NO. 2. OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE—A MEMORIAL CONCERNING LAY REPRESENTATION IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

signed by A. F. Watkins, H. G. Hawkins and others.

WHEREAS, the last General Conference made provision for the enlargement of Presiding Elder's Districts, and

WHEREAS, A difference in usage among the Annual Conferences in this matter will cause the proportion of laymen in the Annual Conference to be unequal, and

WHEREAS, This inequality in the lay representation in the Annual Conference will cause inequality in both lay and clerical representation in the General Conference, and

WHEREAS, The lay delegates are the special representatives of the membership at large, therefore,

Resolved, That we memorialize the General Conference to meet in Dallas, Texas, in May, 1902, to so change our law as to provide for the election of one lay delegate to the Annual Conference for every thousand members in the Presiding Elder's Districts provided that a fraction of two-thirds shall be entitled to an additional delegate, and provided further, that every district shall be allowed at least one delegate.

In order to carry out the provisions of the above we suggest the following change in the Discipline, to wit:

On page 24, ¶44, substitute for the words: "and four lay representatives \* \* \* \* from each Presiding Elder's District," the words: "and one lay representative for every one thousand members within each Presiding Elder's District; *provided* that when there shall be in any Presiding Elder's District a fraction of two-thirds of the number fixed for the ratio of representation, such districts shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and *provided* also that no district shall be denied the privilege of one delegate; and *provided* also that one delegate from each Presiding Elder's District may be a local preacher.

We recommend concurrence.

C. W. CRISLER, Chairman,  
H. W. FEATHERSTUN, Secretary.

The following was read and adopted:

EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD REPORT.

The Epworth League Board would submit the following report:

We are glad to report continued progress in this department of our work. According to the report of our General Secretary, based on the statistics of our "General Minutes," we now have 3399 Chapters with a membership of 120,236. The membership is constantly increasing and while we rejoice in this, the most encouraging aspect of the movement is evinced in the following testimony which our Secretary brings: "Our young people's movement," he says, "is settling down to those conditions of quiet and steady work, that long ago made the Sunday-school so great a power in the churches of christendom." The growth of intelligence in carrying out the purpose of the League has been quite commensurate with the enlargement of the organization itself. "The missionary enthusiasm which began spontaneously in the League seven years ago, continues unabated; and the material fruits of it have been the growth of missionary and general intelligence and grace in giving; and many tens of thousands of dollars returned to the coffers of the Mission Board." We note with peculiar pleasure that the literary work has of late shown signs of increased activity, the sale of the reading course last year having exceeded that of the former year by six thousand volumes. In view of the demonstrated and growing usefulness of this work, we most affectionately urge upon both preachers and presiding elders to join in an effort for the speedy organization of every district to promote the purpose and work of the League.

The Epworth Era edited by an honored and competent member of this body, Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., we believe was never so adequate to the needs of our young people as now. And we most heartily commend it. We would also call attention to the State League Conference which can be made a source of enlightenment and inspiration to the entire work, if every Chapter would but know its opportunity in this respect. We desire also to call very special attention to the Tri-State Conference School of Methods., which is held every summer at the "Seashore" near Biloxi. The purpose of the school is to make of the young people, especially of the patronizing states, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, more skilled laborers for the Master;

and we would urge each League in our Conference to have one or more representatives attend this school, that the knowledge and enthusiasm gendered there may reach every Chapter, thus accentuating the general efficiency.

J. E. CARPENTER, Secretary.

The following was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Conference is grateful to Bishop Morrison for giving us time to look after the business of the Church in our bounds.

J. M. WEEMS,  
C. W. CRISLER,  
H. G. HAWKINS.

L. Carley read the the following, which was adopted as the report on  
THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have given the subject submitted to us careful attention. We find many encouraging signs of prosperity. Among these we note the material advancement of the church in all departments of work. In church and parsonage buildings we are keeping pace with former years. The ministry is better supported than ever before, and the collections for the various enterprises of the Church are constantly increasing. The patronage of our schools has never been surpassed. The adaptations of our church papers to their peculiar work was never greater, our Sunday-school facilities have never been equalled, and our ministry was never more efficient and wide awake to the responsibility of its high calling. The young people of the church are being enlisted in religious work as never before, and an unprecedented number of laborers are being provided for the different fields of religious enterprise. Perhaps the most notable evidence of the Lord's presence in the church is the deepening and widening of the missionary spirit. For all these things we thank God and take courage.

Notwithstanding there are so many evidences of life in the church, we would not close our eyes to the fact that there are hindrances in the way. "For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." The spirituality of the church does not seem to be as deep as its material prosperity would indicate. There is much lack of Bible reading, and also of secret and family prayer. Many of our people are worldly-minded and take but little interest in the essential experiences and practices of a truly religious life. The circulation of religious literature is not at all commensurate with the number, intelligence, and financial ability of our people. The increasing spirit of Sabbath desecration on the part of the world, is affecting the life of the church to an alarming extent. The habit of gambling, so fascinating to unspiritual people, is another evil threatening, especially, the young manhood of the church. Against these dangers it is necessary for the watchmen on the walls of Zion to stand up with unceasing vigilance and heroic courage. Then will the church of the living God "look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

In conclusion, we offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to diligence in the cultivation of every spiritual grace, and to fidelity in guarding the church against the dangers that surround us.

L. CARLEY, Chairman.

The following was adopted;

In view of the excellence of the reports on Sabbath Observance and the State of the Church,

*Resolved*, That the pastors be requested to read them before their several congregations.

W. B. LEWIS,

L. S. JONES,

T. B. HOLLOWMAN.

The following was read by H. M. Ellis and adopted:

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In response to the resolution of T. B. Holloman and M. L. Burton requesting the Board of Education to accept the notes of the Ministerial Aid Association and collect and administer same, the Board of Education accepts said proposition, and requests T. B. Holloman, Treasurer of the Ministerial Aid Association, to turn over all funds and notes in his hands to R. W. Millsaps, Treasurer of the Board, and that a commission of three, consisting of R. W. Millsaps, Treasurer, Robt. Selby and H. G. Hawkins, shall confer and co-operate in the administration of said funds.

W. H. HUNTLEY, Chairman,  
H. M. ELLIS, Secretary.

The following was read by H. G. Hawkins, and after amendment, was adopted as follows:

REPORT NO. 3 OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, ON THE 20TH CENTURY FUND.

Our Board, through information received from our Treasurer, R. W. Millsaps, reports as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Total Receipts from beginning of movement up to opening of 1901 Conference.....	\$4822 67
Received from T. J. O'Neil, Collector, during 1901 Conference .....	114 11
	\$4936 78

DISBURSEMENTS AND LIABILITIES.

Specials paid Whitworth College Dec. 21, 1900 .....	\$ 300 65
Specials of 1900-'01 still due Whitworth College .....	29 15
Specials received for Whitworth College during 1901 Conference .....	31 86
Specials received for Soochow University during 1901 Conference .....	23 15
Specials received for Soochow University Dec. 10, 1901 .....	10 00
Specials received and sent to other schools .....	1540 01
	\$1934 82

Total of General Fund from beginning of movement.....

\$3001 96

EXPENSE OF CAMPAIGN.

Dec. 16, 1899, paid Dr. Hammond for New Century Education.....	\$ 42 25
Jan. 24, 1900, paid H. G. Hawkins, Expense Account 1899.....	6 20
Feb. 16, 1900, paid J. R. Bingham, Campaign Manager .....	115 00
Dec. 22, 1900, paid H. G. Hawkins, Expense Account 1900.....	16 37
Jan. 17, 1901, paid A. F. Watkins, Expenses .....	2 30
April 6, 1901, Revenue and Postage Stamps.....	1 00
Dec. 13, 1901, ordered paid H. G. Hawkins, Expense Account 1901 .....	5 90
	\$ 189 02

Total of General Fund after deducting Expense of Campaign  
20 per cent. to be sent to General Board for Vanderbilt University.....

\$2812 94  
562 58

Total since movement began for appropiaton to Conference Schools.....

\$2250 36

Paid to Whitworth College by order of 1900 Conference..... 1368 77  
Paid to Port Gibson Female College by order of 1900 Conference..... 400 00

\$1768 77

Leaving a balance on hand unappropriated.....

481 59

Inasmuch as our college for boys has not hitherto received one cent from our General Fund, your Board recommends that this balance of \$481.59 be appropriated to Millsaps College.

We urge our pastors to persevere in the collection of subscriptions still unpaid.

We further urge that our pastors lose no opportunity of laying upon the hearts of our people the needs of all our schools, encouraging them in making offerings small and great towards endowing and otherwise equipping our schools, so that they may perform the work that shall be required of them in view of the marvelous and increasing demands of our 20th century civilization.

Adding to the above amount that has passed through our Treasurer's hands all our other educational acquisition, we get a total of about \$53,000.00 raised during the three years since the 20th century movement began.

W. H. HUNTLEY, Chairman,  
H. M. ELLIS, Secretary.

The following questions were asked and answered, viz:

Question Twenty-one: "What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?" Answer: Local preachers, 96; members, 40,840.

Question Twenty-two: "How many infants have been baptized during the year?" Answer 1176.

Question Twenty-three: "How many adults have been baptized during the year?" Answer: 1229.

Question Twenty-four: "What is the number of Epworth Leagues?" Answer: 64.

Question Twenty-five: "What is the number of Epworth League members?" Answer: 2045.

Question Twenty-six: "What is the number of Sunday-schools?" Answer: 393.

Question Twenty-seven: "What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?" Answer: 2,309.

Question Twenty-eight: "What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?" Answer: 19,251.

Question Twenty-nine: "What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers?" Answer: \$7,000.00.

Question thirty: "What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?" Answer: \$6,028.94. See report of Joint Board of Finance.

Question Thirty-one: "What has been contributed for missions?" Answer: For Foreign Mission, \$8,518.23; for Domestic Missions, \$3,442.45.

Question Thirty-two: "What has been contributed for Church Extension?" Answer: \$2,422.05.

Question Thirty-three: "What has been done for the American Bible Society?" Answer: \$757.05 collected.

Question Thirty-four: "What has been contributed for the support of Presiding Elders and Preachers in Charge?" Answer: For Presiding Elders, \$9,417.13; for Preachers in Charge, \$69,060.49.

Question Thirty-five: "What has been contributed for the support of Bishops?" Answer: \$1427.85.

Question Thirty-six: "What is the number of Societies and of houses of worship owned by them?" Answer: Number of Societies, 478; Number of houses of worship, 426.

Question Thirty-seven: "What is the value of houses of worship and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?" Answer: Value, \$480,390.00; indebtedness, \$12,398.27.

Question Thirty-eight: "What is the of number pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them?" Answer: Pastoral charges, 128; Parsonages, 115.

Question Thirty-nine: "What is the value of parsonages and what is the indebtedness thereon?" Answer: Value, \$115,416.00; indebtedness,\$2,920.35.

Question Forty: "What is the number of districts and of district parsonages?" Answer: Districts, 7; district parsonages, 5.

Question Forty-one: "What is the value of district parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon?" Answer: Value, \$10,600.00; indebtedness, \$737.00.

Question Forty-two: "What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of the damage?" Answer: Churches damaged 2; amount of damage, \$625.00.

Question Forty-three: "What are the insurance statistics?" Answer: Insurance carried, \$119,416.00; losses sustained, none; premiums paid, \$1,390.25; collections on losses, none.

The following resolution of thanks to Bishop Morrison was adopted:

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Bishop Morrison not only for his wise and kindly presidency, but also for the sermon Sunday which fed our mental and spiritual natures, and more especially for the just, true and merited tribute paid to our faithful wives.

T. L. MELLEN,  
G. S. HARMON.

J. T. Abney read the following paper, which were adopted as

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Board of Church Extension beg leave to submit the following report:

The books of our Treasurer show the collections to be greatly in advance of those of the last year, viz., about seventy-three per cent. of the assessment, or thirteen per cent. above last year's collections.

We are glad to note the fact that the discrimination complained of heretofore is not so great this year. We believe our claim to be a worthy one, equal in importance to that of the Foreign or Domestic Missions as there can be no permanence to the efforts of either without houses of worship.

We earnestly recommend that the Presiding Elders of the several Districts bring the interest of this Board as prominently before the District Conference, as the interests of other Boards of our church.

Your Board would re-affirm the importance of having applications in hand by the first of October of each year. This will give an op-

portunity to look fully into the merits of the claims and in some instances to have members of our Board visit the charges from which the applications come.

We suggest the following assessments on the several Districts:

Vicksburg District .....	\$ 490 00
Jackson District .....	540 00
Brookhaven District .....	540 00
Meridian District .....	525 00
Seashore District .....	500 00
Natchez District .....	370 00
Forest District .....	385 00
Total .....	\$3350 00

Our Treasurer's book shows as follows, to wit:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance on hand, September 1, 1901, .....	\$ 5 15
To amount recovered into the treasury through T. L. Mellen .....	25 00
To the general collection for 1901 .....	2406 77
To the special collection for Jacksonville, Florida .....	19 18
Total .....	\$2456 10

DISBURSEMENTS.	
By amount paid Dr. Whisner, Secretary of General Board .....	\$1187 51
By amount paid Dr. Whisner for Jacksonville, Florida .....	19 18
By amount paid for printing of Minutes .....	32 50
By expense account of Executive Committee .....	17 10
By amount paid Philadelphia Church .....	170 00
By amount paid Gallman Church .....	75 00
By amount paid Ridgeland Church .....	115 00
By amount paid Boyle's Chapel .....	50 00
By amount paid Poplarville Church .....	100 00
By amount paid Braxton Church .....	150 00
By amount paid Andrew's Chapel .....	50 00
By amount paid Gulfport Church .....	250 00
	\$2146 29

CONDITIONAL ALLOWANCES.	
By amount for church at Bay St. Louis .....	50 00
By amount for church at Galilee .....	50 00
By amount for church at Whitaker .....	100 00
By amount for church at Terry .....	50 00
By amount for church at Russum .....	50 00
By balance on hand .....	9 81
Total .....	\$2456 10

After the address made by Dr. Whisner on the night of December 12, 1901, a collection was taken which amounted to:

Cash.....	\$19 18
Subscription .....	68 50
Total .....	\$87 68

for the benefit of our churches in Jacksonville, Florida. Said money and list will be forwarded to Dr. Whisner.

L. S. JONES, President,  
J. T. ABNEY, Secretary.

The following Report of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society was read by J. P. Drake and accepted by the Conference Board of Church Extension as a part of their report and as such was adopted by the Conference:

#### CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD REPORT, SUPPLEMENTARY.

The figures furnished us by the Treasurer of the W. H. M. Society were lost in transit. We believe they measure up to the past: but a

great increase should mark each year. Securing good homes for our pastors and maintaining them is enough to warrant our heartfelt co-operation. There is much other work which this society contemplates that cannot be as well done in any other way. Shall we not help these women who labor with us in the Gospel? The total number of members added to the Society during the year was only 22. Out of a church membership of women and girls of 25,000, the total membership in this great organization is only 795. Think of only a little more than three per cent. of our women engaged in this work! It is high time for us to awake.

H. W. Van Hook read the following report of the Board of Missions which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

BRETHREN:—The Mission Board brings glad tidings to you and we thank God that such prosperity has been granted us during the past year. Never in our history have the people responded more liberally than during the twelve months gone, and we would commend all for their increased liberality and zeal.

One District, the Natchez District, has overpaid its Foreign Missionary assessment. Three more have paid in full, viz., Seashore, Jackson and Forest Districts.

One has overpaid the Domestic Mission assessment, viz., the Forest District; and one has paid in full, viz., the Seashore District.

Our collections have increased for Foreign Missions over \$2000.00; for Domestic Missions, about \$500.00. Total amount received for Foreign, \$8530.42; Domestic, \$3491.83.

The following assessments have been made for the coming year for Foreign Missions:

Jackson District .....	\$1467 00
Vicksburg District .....	1297 00
Natchez District .....	1200 00
Forest District .....	1200 00
Brookhaven District .....	1380 00
Meridian District .....	1380 00
Seashore District .....	1280 00

The following assessments have been made for Domestic Missions:

Jackson District .....	\$850 00
Brookhaven District .....	825 00
Meridian District .....	825 00
Seashore District .....	825 00
Vicksburg District .....	800 00
Forest District .....	650 00
Natchez District .....	625 00

The following appropriations have been granted:

Wesley Chapel .....	\$300	Bay St. Louis .....	\$250	Ellisville Circuit .....	\$100
Homochitto .....	100	Gulfport .....	200	Laurel, Fifth Avenue .....	300
Gloster .....	100	Biloxi .....	150	Indian Mission .....	400
Liberty .....	100	Ocean Springs .....	200	South Vicksburg .....	300
Binnsville .....	100	Hattiesburg, Court St. ....	250	Warren .....	100
North Kemper .....	100	Marion .....	100	Anguilla .....	75
South Side .....	100	Beauregard .....	150	Fannin .....	200
Wayne .....	100	Terry .....	150	Thomasville .....	100
Portersville .....	100	Bogue Chitto .....	150	Sharon .....	100
Middleton .....	100	Pleasant Grove .....	75	Anding and Lintonia .....	200
Winchester .....	75	Taylorsville .....	100		
Leakesville .....	100	Edinburg .....	100		

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That the Secretary furnish the *New Orleans Advocate* for publication the assessments upon the several Districts and the appropriations made for the various charges for Domestic Missions.

2nd. That the Treasurer be authorized to receive no orders after the session of Conference to pay out moneys to those serving missions until a final settlement is made.

3rd. That the brethren be urged to settle with the Treasurer on the first day of Conference.

4th. That early collections be made and all amounts collected forwarded to our home Treasurer, W. L. Linfield.

5th. That the Secretary be authorized to have such missionary literature sent from our Publishing House to the pastoral charges within the bounds of the Mississippi Conference as may be deemed necessary to stimulate missionary zeal, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay postage.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Van HOOK,  
Secretary Board of Missions.

The following report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read by J. P. Drake and adopted as part of the report of the Board of Missions.

#### WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Conference, has done good work during the year. Their last Annual Report shows \$1952.00 raised. Miss Leila McNemar, sent out from this Conference and now serving the Woman's Board as teacher in "Collegio Englais," at Saltillo, Mexico, has lately sent a check for \$40.00 to support a pupil one year at that institution. This amount taken from her meager salary represents the spirit of sacrifice and service that shames us at home into fuller consecration of our means.

The laborious and capable Corresponding Secretary, Miss Sallie Smylie, has organized several new Societies. Let our pastors in every way possible help and encourage these good women. They look to us to open the way. Disappoint them not!

A resolution on inter-collegiate games was offered; and it called forth the liveliest debate of the Conference session. It was moved and passed that the vote on the resolution be a rising vote. Bishop Morrison, T. M. Evans, G. S. Harmon, C. F. Emery, N. B. Harmon, L. S. Jones, and I. L. Peebles spoke in favor of the resolution; T. L. Mellen, A. F. Watkins, J. W. Chambers and H. W. Van Hook spoke against the resolution.

The resolution was then adopted by a vote of 89 to 12.

*Resolved*, That we are gratified at the fact that no inter-collegiate games have been allowed by the authorities of Millsaps College during the past year, and this deference to the expressed views of the Conference challenges our confidence and our loyal regard.

That we deprecate the fact that the authorities at Vanderbilt University still permit inter-collegiate games, and we hereby reaffirm the

position taken by the Conference at the last session in regard to inter-collegiate games.

W. T. GRIFFIN.  
J. P. DRAKE,  
L. S. JONES,  
J. G. CAMMACK,  
M. L. BURTON,  
P. H. HOWSE,  
L. CARLEY,  
R. B. DOWNER.

Question Forty-four was called: "What are the Educational Statistics?" Answered thus:

#### EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.

	Value of Property	Endow- ment	No. of Professors	No. of Pupils
Millsaps College .....	\$70,000 00	\$110,000 00	12	230
Port Gibson Female College .....	20,000 00		8	80
East Mississippi Female College .....	30,000 00		30	590
Edward McGehee Female College .....	10,000 00		5	80
Whitworth Female College .....	80,000 00	500 00	16	152
Forest District High School .....	800 00		3	115
			74	1047
	\$210,800 00	\$110,500 00		

Question Forty-five was called: "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" Natchez was nominated and unanimously chosen.

It was moved and carried that the Conference adjourn to meet again at 7:30 P. M.

The Conference adjourned with singing, and the benediction pronounced by G. A. Guice.

#### SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

McCOMB CITY, MISS., DEC., 16, 1901.

The Conference met at 7:30 P. M., Bishop Morrison in the chair. D. C. Langford conducted the opening religious exercises.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we hereby request our delegates elect to the General Conference to convene in Dallas, Texas, next May, in case the question of inter-collegiate games should come up as a measure to be voted on, that they use their personal influence and vote in harmony with the almost unanimous sentiment of the Conference as indicated by the vote on inter-collegiate games at this afternoon's session.

J. M. MORSE,  
L. S. JONES,  
GEORGE H. THOMPSON,  
ROBT. SELBY,  
N. B. HARMON,  
B. F. JONES,  
ISAAC L. PEEBLES.

H. J. Moore read the following which was adopted as the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:*

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

We note with very great pleasure the growing sentiment among the officials of our State against the blind tigers, and the illegal sale of whiskey in any way. We especially rejoice to know that several of the Judges in our State are, in their official capacity, using such drastic measures against the illegal sale of liquor as are proving effectual in many instances, and working great good for the cause of temperance. We believe the time has come when the Mississippi Conference, and the members of the M. E. Church, South, within our bounds, who have always been in the fore-front of the battle against open saloons and the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks in every form, should buckle on their armor and move forward by advocating the banishment the open saloon from our State.

To this end be it therefore

*Resolved, 1st:* That Gov. Longino is hereby requested to suggest to the Legislature in his message to that body, which assembles on Tuesday, January 7th, 1902, to consider the question of State prohibition.

*Resolved, 2nd:* That the members of our State Legislature are hereby requested to pass a law that will give us State prohibition.

*Resolved, 3rd:* That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to Gov. Longino, and also to the Clerk of the Senate and of the Lower House, to be by them presented to their respective bodies.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. NORTON, Chairman,  
H. J. MOORE, Secretary.

It was moved and carried that the resolution on State prohibition passed at a former sitting of this Conference be incorporated into the above Report on Temperance.

M. M. Black read the following Resolution of Thanks which was amended and adopted by a rising vote.

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved, 1st:* That we hereby tender to the good people of McComb City our heart-felt thanks for their generous hospitality, manifested in so many ways, and invoke the Divine blessing to rest richly upon them.

*Resolved, 2nd:* That we sincerely appreciate the kindness of the various Protestant churches of McComb City in offering us their houses of worship for use on the Sabbath.

*Resolved, 3rd:* That we thank the various railroads within the bounds of our territory for courtesies in the matter of transportation.

*Resolved, 4th:* That we thank the *New Orleans Times-Democrat* and *Picayune*, the *Jackson News* and *Clarion-Ledger* and the *McComb City Daily* for giving full reports of our Conference proceedings.

*Resolved, 5th:* That we are deeply grateful to our skilful and efficient

Secretaries for their faithful service and to the McComb City pastor, Rev. J. W. Chambers, for his faithful and untiring efforts in providing for our comfort and entertainment.

M. M. BLACK,  
C. F. EMERY.

It was moved and carried that we adjourn after the reading of the Minutes of the evening session and the answering of

Question Forty-six: "Where are the preachers stationed this year?"

Bishop Morrison then made some appropriate remarks relative to the appointments, and announced the Joint Board of Finance, the Visiting Committees and the Appointments as follows:

#### JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Clerical—R. F. Witt, N. B. Harmon, P. D. Hardin, H. M. Ellis, W. M. Williams, J. W. Chambers, W. H. Saunders.

Lay—J. W. Ratliff, J. C. Cavett, W. M. Thornton, T. P. Bell, T. M. Evans, J. E. Carruth, J. H. Jones.

#### VISITING COMMITTEES.

Millsaps College—Jno. A. Moore and W. S. F. Tatum.

Whitworth College—W. H. Huntley and R. L. Bennett.

East Mississippi Female College—G. S. Harmon and D. W. Heidelberg.

Port Gibson Female College, V. D. Skipper and W. A. Price.

Edward McGehee College—W. G. Forsythe and H. F. West.

#### THE APPOINTMENTS.

The figures show the number of years served consecutively in the same appointment.

##### VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder .....	J. M. Weems	1
Vicksburg, Crawford St. ....	H. R. Singleton	2
South Vicksburg .....	G. P. McKeown	1
Rolling Fork .....	J. G. Cammack	2
Anguilla .....	H. P. Lewis, Jr.	2
Mayersville .....	M. M. Black	2
Warren .....	W. H. Mounger	1
Satartia .....	H. L. Morton	2
South Warren .....	R. E. Rutledge	1
Edwards .....	V. D. Skipper	3
Bolton .....	E. H. Mounger	1
Utica .....	W. H. Lewis	3
Rocky Springs .....	J. T. Abney	1
Hermanville .....	C. A. Powell	1
Port Gibson .....	L. Carley	1
Port Gibson Female College ...	L. S. Jones	

##### JACKSON DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder .....	T. B. Holloman	4
Jackson, First Church .....	W. C. Black	3
Jackson, Capitol Street .....	J. T. Leggett	1
Fannin .....	H. P. Lewis	3

Brandon .....	R. Selby	2
Thomasville .....	W. A. Terry	3
Florence .....	G. M. Hull	3
Westville, to be supplied by .....		
W. W. Greaves and R. W. Thurman		1
Madison .....	M. H. Moore	2
Flora .....	J. R. Jones	1
Canton .....	N. B. Harmon	3
Sharon .....	H. A. Gatlin	2
Camden .....	J. J. Golden	1
Tranquil .....	J. W. Campbell	3
Silver Creek .....	H. J. Moore	1
Lake City .....	J. D. Crymes	4
Yazoo City .....	W. B. Lewis	4
Anding and Lintonia .....	H. B. Watkins	2
Benton .....	R. F. Witt	1
Vaughan .....	T. B. Cottrell	3
Millsaps College .....	Jas. A. Moore, Prof.	8
Epworth League Sec. ....	H. M. DuBose	4

##### FOREST DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder .....	T. L. Mellen	4
Forest .....	J. D. Ellis	1

Morton and Pelahatchie	G. S. Harnion
Scott, supply,	J. W. Thompson
Harpersville, supply,	Irvin Miller
Walnut Grove	C. M. Crossley
Shiloh	W. W. Morse
Trenton	D. C. Langford
Raleigh	R. L. Phillips
Taylorsville	R. S. Gale
Montrose	J. N. Ware
Lake	W. J. Dawson
Newton and Hickory	J. W. Crisler
Decatur	J. E. Williams
Carthage	M. L. White
Edinburg, supply,	W. H. Lane
Rosehill	J. H. Foreman
Vossburg and Heidelberg	P. D. Hardin
Eucutta	J. M. Corley
Ellisville	R. D. Norsworthy
Ellisville Circuit, supply,	G. W. Shearer
Laurel	W. L. Linfield
Laurel, Fifth Ave.	To be supplied
Neshoba	L. E. Alford
Indian Mission, supply	W. P. Donnell
Conference Missionary Sec.	T. L. Mellen

## MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	W. W. Simmons
Meridian, Central Church,	J. W. Lewis
Meridian, South Side, and Poplar Springs	F. B. Ormond
Meridian, East End,	D. P. Bradford
Meridian, West End,	D. Scarborough
Chunkey, supply,	J. B. Blackburn
DeKalb	B. W. Lewis
Binnsville	W. G. Backus
Porterville	E. C. Grice
Lauderdale	V. V. Boone
Vimville	J. L. Redd
North Kemper	To be supplied
Enterprise and Stonewall	H. M. Ellis
Pachuta	H. Mellard
Shubuta	G. A. Guice
Mathersville, supply	C. S. Embree
Middleton	L. J. Jones
Waynesboro and State Line	C. F. Emery
Wayne Mission	W. W. Murray
Winchester	R. H. Barr
Daleville	P. H. Howse
Leakesville	W. L. Blackwell
Cooper Institute	W. W. Moore, Pres.
Student, Centenary College,	J. C. Ellis

## SEASHORE DISTRICT.

Presididing Elder	J. M. Morse
Moss Point	H. W. Featherstun
Americus	T. J. O'Neal
Escatawpa, supply,	L. R. Roberts
Biloxi	H. W. Van Hook
Gulf Port	W. D. Dominick

Ocean Springs and Scranton	J. G. Galloway
Coalville	G. W. Huff
Pearlington and Logtown	G. H. Galloway
Bay St. Louis	W. W. Cammack
Mount Olive	B. S. Rayner
Lumberton	G. H. Thompson
Poplarville	J. A. Parker
Eastabuchie, supply,	C. C. Griffin
Columbia	W. M. Williams
Marion	J. E. J. Ferguson
Hattiesburg	W. H. Huntley
Hattiesburg, Court St.	W. M. Sullivan
Brooklyn	G. R. Ellis
McHenry	W. L. Hightower
Vancleave	M. A. Thurman
Williamsburg	C. C. Gibson
Nicholson	F. L. Crowson
Mount Carmel	H. D. Vanderburg

## BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	B. F. Jones
Brookhaven	C. W. Crisler
Magnolia and Osyka	B. F. L. v
Tylertown	M. J. Miller
McComb City	J. W. Chambers
Fernwood	E. F. Edgar
Summit	J. P. Drake
Topisaw	E. L. Alford
Pleasant Grove, supply,	M. G. Felder
Gallman	John A. Moore
Hazlehurst	J. A. B. Jones
Crystal Springs	R. J. Jones
Terry	H. C. Brown
Caseyville	R. Bradley
Adams	W. J. Ferguson
Wesson	I. L. Peebles
Beauregard	F. M. Williams
Providence	C. McDonald
Bayou Pierre	T. H. King
Bogue Chitto	J. W. Sandell
Whitworth College	A. F. Watkins, Pres.
Whitworth College	M. L. Burton, Vice-Pres. and Bus. Mgr.
Manager Orphan's Home	W. T. Griffin

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder	T. W. Adams
Natchez, Jefferson St.	J. E. Carpenter
Natchez, Wesley Chapel	J. W. Brown
Washington	C. N. Guice
Fayette	W. H. Saunders
Barlow	F. A. Grimes
Roxie	C. C. Evans
Liberty	R. A. Sibley, Jr.
Gloster and Sam Jones Camp Ground	W. G. Forsythe
J. W. McLaurin, Supernumerary	

			TRANSFERRED.
Centreville	H. G. Hawkins	2	B. H. Rawls to the S. Carolina Conference
Wilkinson, supply,	E. J. Coker		R. L. Webb to the Pacific Conference.
Woodville	W. L. C. Hunnicutt	2	L. F. Alford to the Louisiana Conference.
Percy Creek	C. D. Cecil	2	F. M. Keen to the Arkansas Conference.
Meadville	J. E. Gray	2	A. T. Bell to the Western North Carolina
Harriston	A. D. Miller	3	Conference.
Homochitto	I. B. Robertson	1	
Conf. Sec. of Education	H. G. Hawkins	4	
Financ'l Agt. Indian Mission	A. D. Miller		

The Conference adjourned *sine die* with the Long Meter Doxology, and the benediction by Bishop Morrison.

#### OFFICERS OF BOARDS.

Board of Education—W. H. Huntley, President; H. M. Ellis, Secretary; R. W. Millsaps, Treasurer.

Board of Missions—R. D. Norsworthy, President; H. W. Van Hook, Secretary; W. L. Linfield, Treasurer.

Board of Church Extension—L. S. Jones, President; J. T. Abney, Secretary; T. A. Holloman, Treasurer.

Sunday School Board—N. A. Mott, President; Jno. D. Ellis, Secretary; Jno. W. Crisler, Treasurer.

Epworth League Board—W. B. Lewis, President; J. E. Carpenter, Secretary.

Mississippi Conference Brotherhood—W. B. Lewis, President; B. F. Jones, Secretary; B. F. Lewis, Treasurer.

Conference Endowment Fund—T. L. Mellen, President; J. P. Drake, Secretary; R. J. Jones, Treasurer.

#### EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Recommendation for Admission—Geo. H. Thompson, D. P. Bradford, F. M. Williams.

Committee on Admission on Trial—C. A. Powell, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, L. Carley.

Committee of First Year—Robert Selby, Geo. H. Galloway, M. M. Black.

Committee of Second Year—T. L. Mellen, J. G. Galloway, J. M. Morse.

Committee of Third Year—H. W. Featherstun, R. J. Jones, W. H. Lewis.

Committee of Fourth Year—E. H. Mounger, C. F. Emery, B. F. Jones.

## CONDENSED MINUTES.

Question One: Who are admitted on trial? James Elbert Jenkins Ferguson.

Question Two: Who remain on trial? H. B. Watkins, C. N. Guice, H. P. Lewis, Jr., J. E. Williams, C. C. Gibson, W. L. Blackwell, E. C. Grice, J. L. Redd, J. M. Corley, and F. L. Crowson.

Question Three: Who are discontinued? G. W. Hively.

Question Four: Who are admitted into full connection? John Robert Jones, Joseph Winston Campbell, Wm. Leroy Hightower, Earl Leslie Alford and John Jay Golden.

Question Five: Who are re-admitted? M. J. Miller.

Question Six: Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. H. Mounger and J. W. Lewis.

Question Seven: Who are the deacons of one year? W. A. Terry, T. J. O'Neal and H. A. Gatlin.

Question Eight: What traveling preachers are elected deacons? John Robt. Jones, Joseph Winston Campbell, Wm. Leroy Hightower and Earl Leslie Alford.

Question Nine: What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? John Robert Jones, Joseph Winston Campbell. William Leroy Hightower, Earl Leslie Alford.

Question Ten: What local preachers are elected deacons? Wm. Wesley Murray.

Question Eleven: What local preachers are ordained deacons? William Wesley Murray, John Daunt Warner.

Question Twelve: What traveling preachers are elected elders? L. E. Alford, R. A. Sibley, Jr., and H. J. Moore.

Question Thirteen: What traveling preachers are ordained elders? L. E. Alford, R. A. Sibley, Jr., H. J. Moore.

Question Fourteen: What local preachers are elected elders? N. E. Alford.

Question Fifteen: What local preachers are ordained elders? N. E. Alford.

Question Sixteen: Who are located this year? None.

Question Seventeen: Who are supernumerary? J. W. McLaurin.

Question Eighteen: Who are superannuated? J. A. Vance, R. A. Sibley, L. P. Meador, R. B. Downer, J. W. Harmon, H. R. Caldwell, J. H. Evans, D. G. W. Ellis, T. W. Brown, W. W. Hurst, J. H. Holland, H. D. Howell, N. B. Young, P. Howard, and J. T. Nicholson.

Question Nineteen: What preachers have died during the past year? H. B. Trevilion, W. M. Stevens, R. W. Bailey, P. A. Johnston, W. B. Hines and E. A. Flowers.

Question Twenty: Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their characters examined and passed.

Question Twenty-one: What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 96; Members, 40,840.

Question Twenty-two: How many infants have been baptized during the year?" 1176.

Question Twenty-three: How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1229.

Question Twenty-four: What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 64.

Question Twenty-five: What is the number of Epworth League members? 2045.

Question Twenty-six: What is the number of Sunday-schools? 393.

Question Twenty-seven: What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 2,309.

Question Twenty-eight: What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 19,251.

Question Twenty-nine: What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers? \$7,000.00.

Question Thirty: What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied? \$6,028.94. See report of Joint Board of Finance.

Question Thirty-one: What has been contributed for missions? For Foreign Mission, \$8,518.23; for Domestic Missions, \$3,442.45.

Question Thirty-two: What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$2,422.05.

Question Thirty-three: What has been done for the American Bible Society? \$757.05 collected.

Question Thirty-four: What has been contributed for the support of Presiding Elders and Preachers in Charge? For Presiding Elders, \$9,417.13; for Preachers in Charge, \$69,060.49.

Question Thirty-five: What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1427.85

Question Thirty-six: What is the number of Societies and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 478; Number of houses of worship, 426.

Question Thirty-seven: What is the value of houses of worship and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$480,390.00; indebtedness, \$12,398.27.

Question Thirty-eight: What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 128; parsonages, 115.

Question Thirty-nine: What is the value of parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$115,416.00; Indebtedness, \$2,920.35.

Question Forty: What is the number of districts and of district parsonages? Districts, 7; District Parsonages, 5.

Question Forty-one: What is the value of district parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$10,600.00; Indebtedness, \$737.00.

Question Forty-two: What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of the damage?" Churches damaged 2; Amount of damage, \$625.00.

Question Forty-three: What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$119,416.00; Losses sustained, none; Premiums paid, \$1,390.25; Collections on losses, none.

Question Forty-four: What are the Educational statistics? No. Institutions, 6; Value of Property \$210,800.00; Endowment, \$110,500.00; Professors, 74; Pupils, 1047.

Question Forty-five: Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Natchez.

Question Forty-six: Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of Appointments, page 48.

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## CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

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### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD, AS REVISED AND AMENDED AT THE REGULAR MEETING, DEC. 13, 1901.

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#### PREAMBLE.

Feeling that we may mutually aid each other by the organization of a Brotherhood on the mutual insurance plan, and that our families may derive benefit therefrom, therefore we, the undersigned traveling preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the State of Mississippi, with a view to affording immediate assistance to the family of a deceased brother, and such superannuated members as may come under the regulations hereinafter specified, do pledge ourselves to each other, according to the term Brotherhood, hereinafter described.

#### CONSTITUTION.

*Article 1.* This organization shall be known as the Brotherhood of Traveling Preachers of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

*Article 2.* Every effective traveling preacher of said Mississippi Conference, not over forty years of age, may be elected to membership.

*Article 3.* The membership of this Brotherhood shall not extend beyond the limits of said Mississippi Conference, except in the case of the transfer of a member to another Conference, when said member so transferred may continue his membership by complying with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Brotherhood.

*Article 4.* Any person may become an honorary member of this Brotherhood, with all its privileges and obligations, except to be a claimant on the mortuary fund.

*Article 5.* The officers of said Brotherhood shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Board of Managers of five, and such other officers as may from time to time be elected.

*Article 6.* The officers of said Brotherhood shall be elected quadriennially at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference, by receiving a plurality of the votes cast by those present, and shall serve without compensation.

*Article 7.* Any permanently superannuated member may receive his benefit and thereby terminate his claim upon the mortuary fund of the Brotherhood; provided he be recommended by the Board of Managers at an annual meeting; and provided also there have not been more than two assessments made during the previous twelve months.

*Article 8.* It shall be the duty of each beneficiary member upon official notice to remit to the treasurer an assessment of \$5.00, and of each honorary member an assessment of \$1.00. If any member shall fail to pay said assessment within sixty days after the call of the Secretary, he shall be deprived, by suspension, of all benefits of the Brotherhood, and if said assessment shall not have been paid within four months, such delinquency shall work a forfeiture of membership.

*Article 9.* No part of the foregoing Constitution shall be changed or amended, except by a majority vote of the beneficiary members of the Brotherhood.

#### BY-LAWS.

*Section 1.* The officers of the Brotherhood shall perform such duties as usually pertain to such offices in similar organizations, and in addition thereto such other duties as have been specified in the Constitution.

*Section 2.* The regular meeting of the Brotherhood shall be held at the place and time of meeting of the Mississippi Conference, on such day and at such hour as the President may designate, by giving due notice by proclamation in the Conference, as other notices are given; and the members of the Brotherhood present, after such notice is given, shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

*Section 3.* The Board of Managers shall at all times have access to the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and shall have power of removal from these offices for sufficient cause, and to fill all vacancies that may occur. All matters of complaint shall be referred to them, and they shall have power in the interim of the regular meetings of the Brotherhood to advise, direct and control the affairs of the Brotherhood within the restrictions of the Constitution.

*Section 4.* Each and every person seeking admission into the Brotherhood as a beneficiary member shall take upon himself this pledge: "I do hereby promise to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brotherhood of Traveling Preachers of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, paying my annual dues and all assessments whenever notified and requested so to do, and to use all diligence in building up and promoting the interest of the Brotherhood; and in default thereof I agree to forfeit all my rights and privileges under said Constitution and By-Laws.

*Section 5.* Any member suspended for non-payment of dues or assessments, may be re-instated at any time by paying to the Treasurer the dues and assessments which have accrued during the past twelve months, provided said suspended member is not beyond the age of forty years; if beyond the age of forty years he may be reinstated after paying also all assessments that have accrued since his suspension.

*Section 6.* These By-Laws, or any of them, may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Brotherhood.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Prayer.
2. Calling Roll.
3. Reports of Officers: 1st, President; 2nd, Secretary; 3rd, Treasurer; 4th, Board of Managers; 5th, Committees.
4. Motions and Resolutions.
5. Appointment of Committees.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Reading and Adoption of Minutes.
9. Adjournment.

# Table No. 1—Membership, Baptisms and Church Property.

\* JACKSON DISTRICT—T. B. Holloman, P. E.

NAME OF CHARGE AND PASTOR REPORTING.			No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Additions on Prof'n of Faith.	Additions by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certif. & Otherwise.
1 Jackson, First Church.....	W. C. Black.....	3	676	679	606	51	86	64	
2 Jackson, Capitol Street.....	C. F. Emery.....	1	332	333	289	22	44	22	
3 Fannin .....	H. P. Lewis.....		212	212	229	9	3	29	
4 Brandon .....	Robert Selby .....	1	175	176	157	21	25	27	
5 Thomasville .....	W. A. Terry .....		252	252	238	20		5	
6 Steen's Creek .....	G. M. Hull .....	1	485	486	525	28	42	109	
7 Westville .....	H. J. Moore .....		296	296	320	13	39	76	
8 Madison .....	M. H. Moore .....		201	201	180	11	15	5	
9 Flora .....	G. H. Thompson .....		146	146	141	4	1	10	
10 Canton .....	N. B. Harmon .....		226	226	216	19	14	23	
11 Sharon .....	H. A. Gatlin .....	1	164	165	134	30	4	5	
12 Camden .....	J. N. Ware .....	1	316	317	205	20	98	6	
13 Tranquill .....	J. W. Campbell .....		355	355	363	13	30	51	
14 Silver Creek .....	J. D. Ellis .....		95	95	101	1		7	
15 Lake City .....	J. D. Crymes .....	1	83	84	66	4	16	2	
16 Yazoo City .....	W. B. Lewis .....		426	426	427	20	34	55	
17 Benton .....	C. C. Evans .....		185	185	174	3	21	13	
18 Vaughn .....	T. B. Cottrell .....		248	248	223	23	10	8	
19 Anding .....	H. B. Watkins .....		145	145	102	9	40	6	
Total .....		9	5018	5027	4696	321	522	523	
Total last year .....		17	4478	4495	4303	272	353	433	
Increase .....				540	532	393	49	169	90
Decrease .....		8							

\*One pastoral charge and part of another taken from Vicksburg District and added to Jackson District.

\* VICKSBURG DISTRICT—E. H. Mounger, P. E.

1 Vicksburg, Crawford Street.....	H. R. Singleton .....		575	575	570	3	25	23	
2 South Vicksburg .....	W. H. Mounger .....		92	92	106	....	5	19	
3 Rolling Fork .....	J. G. Cammack .....		142	142	144	3	10	15	
4 Anguilla .....	H. P. Lewis, Jr. ....		131	131	124	6	12	11	
5 Mayersville .....	M. M. Black .....		111	111	105	9	8	11	
6 Warren .....	G. P. McKeown .....		226	226	227	....	2	3	
7 Satartia .....	H. L. Norton .....	2	316	318	298	11	13	4	
8 South Warren .....	J. R. Jones .....		175	175	163	7	7	2	
9 Edwards .....	V. D. Skipper .....		344	344	291	18	39	4	
10 Bolton .....	Lyman Carley .....	1	190	191	203	7	1	20	
11 Utica .....	W. H. Lewis .....		353	353	345	14	8	14	
12 Rocky Springs .....	W. J. Ferguson .....	2	310	312	294	17	7	6	
13 Hermanville .....	R. F. Witt .....		462	462	451	23	5	17	
14 Port Gibson .....	L. S. Jones .....		205	205	165	20	25	5	
Total .....		5	3632	3637	3486	138	167	154	
Total last year .....		7	3999	4006	3797	258	123	174	
Increase .....		2	367	369	311	120	44	20	
Decrease .....									

\*One pastoral charge and part of another taken from Vicksburg District and added to Jackson District.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—G. A. Guice, P. E.

1 Meridian—Central .....	J. M. Weems .....	1	614	615	573	27	71	56	
2 " South Side .....	L. F. Alford .....		155	155	124	19	18	6	
3 " East End .....	D. P. Bradford .....	3	397	400	344	68	60	72	
4 " West End .....	W. M. Stevens .....		225	225	268	4	17	60	
5 Chunkey .....	B. W. Lewis .....	2	379	381	358	30	....	7	
6 DeKalb .....	H. Mellard .....	1	324	325	325	17	4	21	
7 Binnsville .....	E. C. Grice .....		270	270	255	14	14	13	
8 Porterville .....	J. L. Redd .....		240	240	224	30	11	25	
9 Lauderdale .....	G. S. Harmon .....		303	303	247	36	31	11	
10 Vimville .....	R. E. Rutledge .....	1	237	238	234	15	10	21	
11 North Kemper .....	R. L. Phillips .....		482	482	450	19	19	6	
12 Enterprise .....	H. M. Ellis .....	1	323	324	312	35	35	58	
13 Pachuta .....	V. V. Boone .....	1	435	436	417	30	23	35	
14 Shubuta .....	A. T. Bell .....		328	328	305	20	29	26	

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**Table No. 1—Membership, Baptisms and Church Property.**  
 \* JACKSON DISTRICT—T. B. Holloman, P. E.

17	11	11	7	1	2	24000	.....	1	3000	.....	.....	300 00	60 30	.....	.....	5500	152 50	1	
11	8	7	4	1	1	3000	.....	1	350	.....	2000	15 00	250 00	.....	.....	153 00	32	3	
8	3	18	2	5	1	2000	.....	1	4000	50	1300	.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....	45	5	
3	3	5	5	6	1	4000	.....	1	2500	300	300	150 00	864 25	507 30	.....	.....	6	6	
3	3	5	5	7	1	3800	.....	1	350	1350	1400	150 00	300 00	1432 31	.....	.....	7	7	
1	3	5	5	5	1	4300	.....	1	4000	2000	800	180 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8	
1	3	5	5	5	1	3700	.....	1	1500	1500	1500	100 00	256 00	87 00	.....	.....	9	9	
2	2	20	3	3	1	1740	.....	1	500	300	400	.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	10	10	
1	1	5	4	4	1	1200	.....	1	400	4500	550	36	7 50	963 00	750	22 50	11	11	
2	2	4	3	3	1	1500	.....	1	400	1500	1200	2500	167 50	350 00	9500	17 00	12	12	
19	7	1	1	1	1	15000	.....	1	2500	2600	2600	100 00	200 00	60 00	.....	.....	13	13	
5	3	3	3	3	2	2600	.....	2	800	3000	3000	200 00	200 00	88 00	.....	.....	14	14	
15	13	4	4	4	3	3000	.....	3	2300	2300	2300	82	1761 45	20 39	.....	.....	15	15	
2	2	4	3	3	3	2300	.....	3	2300	2300	2300	82	1761 45	20 39	.....	.....	16	16	
105	135	67	62	83990	350	15	15000	36	2000	.....	1121 00	6098 16	.....	.....	22500	345 00	1		
105	151	58	54	80350	300	14	13550	118	2000	.....	2882 45	6118 55	.....	.....	14100	239 50	2		
	9	8	8	3640	50	1	1450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8400	105 50	3			
	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	1761 45	20 39	.....	.....	.....	.....	19		

\*One pastoral charge and part of another taken from Vicksburg District and added to Jackson District.

\* VICKSBURG DISTRICT—E. H. Mounger, P. E.

5	2	1	2	38000	7215	1	3000	.....	.....	458 00	6 40	.....	11650	.....	1	
6	2	1	1	2000	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	100	145 00	.....	.....	.....	32	3
6	5	3	2	4600	.....	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	190 00	.....	.....	.....	44	4
8	1	2	3	2150	.....	1	500	.....	.....	.....	44 00	.....	.....	.....	55	5
6	4	3	2	2200	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	6
6	7	3	3	3500	.....	1	500	.....	.....	200	160 00	.....	.....	.....	77	7
8	4	4	4	3500	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	200	50 00	.....	.....	.....	88	8
1	12	4	4	6000	225	1	1500	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	2000	13	9
3	1	4	3	3700	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	38 40	.....	.....	.....	1010	10
6	6	3	3	4500	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	190 00	.....	.....	2000	13	11
20	10	5	4	4400	.....	1	800	.....	.....	.....	1100 00	.....	.....	.....	1200	12
5	8	5	5	5000	.....	1	1500	.....	.....	30000	64 00	.....	.....	.....	1313	13
5	2	1	1	10000	.....	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1414	14
88	56	42	40	93050	7440	13	16900	.....	.....	30500	3471 70	.....	.....	13650	13 00	1
62	86	46	43	95000	7440	14	17700	.....	.....	30550	7050 45	1 1000	12650	1000	16 50	2
26	30	4	3	1950	.....	1	800	.....	.....	50	3578 75	1 1000	.....	.....	3 50	3

\*One pastoral charge and part of another taken from Vicksburg District and added to Jackson District.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—G. A. Guice, P. E.

12	7	1	1	16000	.....	1	3500	.....	.....	25000	604 65	.....	.....	.....	1	
6	6	2	2	3500	.....	1	700	155 00	.....	.....	470 00	.....	.....	1400	29 00	2
33	23	1	1	2600	.....	1	1200	225 00	.....	.....	400 00	.....	.....	2700	17 00	3
1	2	1	1	2700	.....	1	500	.....	.....	.....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	44	4
6	18	7	6	2500	100	1	500	.....	.....	10	327 00	.....	.....	.....	55	5
6	11	4	4	2300	.....	1	800	75 00	.....	.....	85 00	.....	.....	.....	66	6
9	4	4	3	2500	.....	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77	7
14	20	6	6	1200	.....	1	500	116 00	.....	80	14 20	.....	.....	.....	88	8
23	11	6	4	2350	.....	1	800	.....	.....	.....	19 00	.....	.....	.....	99	9
6	4	5	5	1650	.....	1	550	.....	.....	.....	120 20	.....	.....	.....	1010	10
7	4	7	6	2250	.....	1	500	110 00	.....	.....	287 00	.....	.....	.....	1111	11
4	18	3	3	5000	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....	4500	34 00	12
8	13	6	6	2600	.....	1	700	22 35	.....	.....	89 55	.....	.....	.....	1313	13
2	8	2	2	4100	.....	1	1000	.....	.....	106 00	.....	.....	2235	.....	14	

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Table No. 1—Membership, Baptisms and Church Property.  
MERIDIAN DISTRICT—Continued

NAME OF CHARGE AND PASTOR REPORTING.		No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year.	Additions on Profn of Faith.	Additions by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certif. & Otherwise.
15 Mathersville	R. H. Barr	3	423	426	425	29	—	28
16 Middleton	J. Blackburn	—	200	200	197	18	—	15
17 Waynesboro	J. T. Nicholson	—	315	315	298	15	—	15
18 Wayne Mission	C. S. Embree	—	153	153	192	9	4	52
19 Winchester	F. B. Ormond	—	327	327	302	13	25	13
20 Daleville	P. H. Howse	—	463	463	443	37	12	29
21 Leakesville	W. L. Blackwell	—	219	219	189	27	3	—
Total		13	6812	6825	6482	514	403	569
Total last year		12	6116	6128	5947	217	352	394
Increase		1	696	697	535	297	51	175
Decrease								

FOREST DISTRICT—Thos. L. Mellen, P. E.

1 Forest	B. F. Lewis	323	323	319	7	19	22	
2 Morton	W. D. Dominick	521	521	424	90	35	28	
3 Harperville	Irvin Miller	1	361	362	282	2	117	39
4 Walnut Grove	C. M. Crossley	2	561	563	474	102	14	27
5 Shiloh	P. D. Hardin	3	600	603	532	84	35	48
6 Trenton	D. C. Langford	2	517	519	517	23	8	29
7 Raleigh	R. S. Gale	—	386	386	375	46	3	38
8 Taylorsville	J. E. Williams	1	323	324	279	23	27	5
9 Montrose	W. W. Morse	—	393	393	386	24	12	29
10 Lake	W. J. Dawson	—	389	389	377	37	9	34
11 Newton and Hickory	J. W. Crisler	2	433	435	403	35	30	33
12 Decatur	L. J. Jones	—	399	399	414	3	—	18
13 Carthage	M. L. White	2	551	553	554	70	7	78
14 Rose Hill	J. H. Foreman	1	446	447	445	25	9	32
15 Vossburg and Heidelberg	W. M. Sullivan	1	461	462	398	76	28	40
16 Ellisville	R. D. Norsworthy	2	272	274	279	5	27	37
17 Laurel	W. L. Linfield	1	378	379	181	70	183	55
18 Neshoba	W. H. Saunders	—	632	632	538	31	89	26
19 Indian Mission	W. P. Donnell	2	114	116	86	31	—	1
Total		20	8060	8080	7263	784	652	619
Total last year		19	7087	7106	6923	539	185	543
Increase		1	973	974	340	245	467	76
Decrease								

SEASHORE DISTRICT—W. W. Simmons, P. E.

1 Moss Point	H. W. Featherstun	1	166	167	171	3	12	19
2 Americus	T. J. O'Neal	1	486	487	445	45	14	17
3 Escatawpa	L. R. Roberts	1	410	411	370	50	5	14
4 Biloxi	H. W. Van Hook	1	198	199	184	5	14	4
5 Ocean Springs and Scranton	J. G. Galloway	1	134	135	118	4	20	7
6 Gulfport	J. S. Parker	1	321	322	276	16	52	22
7 Coalville	G. W. Huff	1	638	639	599	50	10	20
8 Pearlington and Logtown	G. H. Galloway	—	239	239	228	4	11	4
9 Bay St. Louis	W. W. Cammack	—	113	113	147	3	2	39
10 Mount Olive	L. E. Alford	—	221	221	—	5	226	10
11 Lumberton and Poplarville	B. S. Raynor	—	334	334	297	9	45	17
12 Eastabuchie	C. C. Gibson	1	235	236	219	24	17	24
13 Columbia	W. M. Williams	—	435	435	396	27	53	41
14 Hattiesburg	J. M. Morse	1	380	381	415	15	76	125
15 East Hattiesburg	D. Scarborough	1	226	227	—	17	224	14
16 Brooklyn	W. L. Hightower	—	419	419	311	67	57	16
17 Vancleave	H. B. Vandenberg	8	757	765	747	23	3	8
18 Williamsburg	J. L. Jordan	—	491	491	432	16	72	29
19 Nicholson	G. H. Roberts	—	229	229	220	5	10	6
20 Mount Carmel	M. A. Thurman	1	417	418	439	1	8	30
Total		19	6849	6868	6014	389	949	466
Total last year		22	6258	6280	5842	449	485	497
Increase		—	593	588	172	—	464	—
Decrease		3	—	—	—	60	—	31



Table No. 1—Membership, Baptisms and Church Property.  
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—B. F. Jones, P. E.

NAME OF CHARGE AND PASTOR  
REPORTING.

		No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Members.	Total Members This Year.	Total Members Last Year,	Additions on Prob'n of Faith.	Additions by Certif. and Otherwise.	Removals by Death Certif. & Otherwise.
1	Brookhaven .....	C. W. Crisler .....	1	391	392	316	44	86
2	Magnolia and Osyka .....	F. M. Keen .....	224	224	202	27	13	18
3	Tylertown .....	E. F. Edgar .....	124	124	91	6	30	3
4	McComb City .....	J. W. Chambers .....	5	485	490	519	4	29
5	Pike .....	R. L. Webb .....	2	211	243	240	12	4
6	Summit .....	J. P. Drake .....	3	270	273	224	18	46
7	Topisaw .....	E. L. Alford .....	2	332	334	486	13	8
8	Pearl .....	G. R. Ellis .....	1	390	391	381	18	2
9	Gallman .....	R. Bradley .....		406	406	452		13
10	Hazlehurst .....	J. T. Leggett .....		216	216	213	7	4
11	Crystal Springs .....	R. J. Jones .....		243	243	246	11	4
12	Terry .....	H. C. Brown .....	2	305	307	264	40	19
13	Caseyville .....	Jno. A. Moore .....	1	370	371	386	2	4
14	Adams .....	W. G. Forsythe .....	3	311	314	313		7
15	Wesson .....	I. L. Peebles .....		531	531	480	89	75
16	Beauregard .....	F. M. Williams .....	2	323	325	333	12	8
17	Providence .....	C. McDonald .....		318	318	311	13	3
18	Bayou Pierre .....	T. H. King .....		274	274	263	32	5
19	Lincoln .....	J. W. Sandell .....		305	305	307	1	8
	Total .....		22	6059	6081	6027	349	365
	Total last year .....		21	6577	6598	6628	220	495
	Increase .....		1				129	746
	Decrease .....			518	517	601		130
								72

NATCHEZ DISTRICT—T. W. Adams, P. E.

1	Jefferson Street .....	J. E. Carpenter .....		364	364	361	7	3	7
2	Wesley Chapel .....	J. T. Abney .....		172	172	154	19	15	16
3	Washington .....	J. W. Brown .....		121	121	115	6	2	2
4	Fayette .....	W. H. Huntley .....		383	383	427	6	15	65
5	Barlow .....	B. H. Rawls .....		419	419	428	13	3	25
6	Roxie .....	I. B. Robertson .....		354	354	349	9	10	14
7	Liberty .....	F. A. Grimes .....		206	206	208	7	2	11
8	Gloster .....	J. A. B. Jones .....	1	187	188	180	2	12	6
9	Centerville .....	H. G. Hawkins .....		232	232	303	2	19	92
10	Wilkinson .....	C. C. Griffin .....	3	527	530	500	5	30	5
11	Woodville .....	W. L. C. Hunnicutt .....		212	212	206		20	14
12	Percy Creek .....	C. D. Cecil .....	1	182	183	107	2	87	13
13	Meadville .....	J. E. Gray .....	2	338	340	332	15		7
14	Harriston .....	A. D. Miller .....		360	360	276	28	18	32
15	Homochitto .....	R. A. Sibley, Jr .....	1	257	258	220	14	35	11
	Total .....		8	4314	4322	4166	135	271	360
	Total last year .....		10	4246	4256	4044	212	199	199
	Increase .....			68	66	122		72	161
	Decrease .....		2				77		

\*Wesley Chapel sustained loss of \$125 and collected \$125 insurance.

RECAPITULATION.

1	Vicksburg .....		5	3632	3637	3486	138	167	154
2	Jackson .....		9	5018	5027	4696	321	522	523
3	Forest .....		20	8060	8080	7263	784	652	619
4	Meridian .....		13	6812	6825	6482	514	403	569
5	Seashore .....		19	6849	6868	6014	389	949	466
6	Brookhaven .....		22	6059	6081	6027	349	365	674
7	Natchez .....		8	4314	4322	4166	135	271	360
	Total .....		96	40744	40840	38134	2630	3329	3365
	Total last year .....		108	38761	38869	37484	2167	2192	2986
	Increase .....			1983	1971	650	463	1137	379
	Decrease .....		12						

**Table No. 1—Membership, Baptisms and Church Property  
BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—B. F. Jones, P. E.**

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT—T. W. Adams, P. E.

\*Wesley Chapel sustained loss of \$125 and collected \$125 insurance.

## RECAPITULATION.

# FINANCE.

## BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—B. F. Jones, P. E.

NAME OF CHARGE.	Assessed for Presiding Elder.		Paid Presiding Elder.		Assessed for Preachers in Charge.		Paid Preachers in Charge.		Assessed for Bishops.		Paid Bishops.		Assessed for Conference Claim'ts.		Paid Conference Claim'ts.		Assessed for Foreign Missions.		Paid Foreign Missions.	
1 Brookhaven .....	100	110	900	910	15 20	15 20	75 90	76	95 20	110 50										
2 Magnolia and Osyka .....	113 50	113 50	900	840	17 25	17 50	86 10	75 30	108 05	83 25										
3 Tylertown .....	75	75	600	565	11 40	11 40	56 55	45	72 10	72 10										
4 McComb City .....	150	125	1200	1000	22 75	22 75	113 80	55	142 75	100										
5 Pike .....	41 25	33	355	259 75	6 30	6 10	31 30	15	39 25	23										
6 Summit .....	90 88	97	800	779	13 75	13 75	68 90	41 10	86 45	86 45										
7 Topisaw .....	75	63	500	420	11 40	11 40	56 55	39	72 10	72 10										
8 Pearl .....	23 75	23 75	400	360 40	3 60	4	18	25	22 50	50 30										
9 Gallman .....	68 75	60	600	527	10 45	10 70	52 15	45	65 45	50										
10 Hazlehurst .....	100	93 45	800	747 55	15 20	15 10	75 90	40	95 20	50										
11 Crystal Springs .....	100	100	800	800	15 20	15 20	75 90	75 90	95 20	95 20										
12 Terry .....	68 75	49	600	426	10 45	10 75	52 15	52 15	65 45	65 45										
13 Caseyville .....	73 15	61 75	610	475 20	11 10	11 10	55 50	48	69 60	69 60										
14 Adams .....	66 25	55 95	560	442 60	10 05	10 05	50 25	50 25	63 10	66 75										
15 Wesson .....	112 50	112 50	900	900	17 10	17 10	85 35	85 35	107	107										
16 Beauregard .....	46 25	37 30	400	331 15	7 05	7	35 10	19 55	44	25										
17 Providence .....	75	72 70	535	508 95	11 40	11 40	56 55	56 55	72 10	72 10										
18 Bayou Pierre .....	50	48 10	400	364 40	7 55	7 55	37 95	37 95	47 60	47 60										
19 Lincoln .....	20	20	265	257 85	3 05	3 05	15 15	15 20	19 05	19 50										
Total .....	1450 03	1351	12125	10914 85	220 25	221	1099 05	897 30	1382 15	1245 60										
Total last year .....	1435	1272 35	12065 80	10980 10	220	220	1015	813 50	1371	1065 25										
Increase .....	15 03	78 63	59 20		25	1	84 05	83 80	11 15	180 35										
Decrease .....				65 25																

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT—T. W. Adams, P. E.

1 Jefferson Street .....	187	187	1200	1200	25	25	127	127	169	169										
2 Wesley Chapel .....	62	44 50	400	285 15	8	6	42	42	56	56										
3 Washington .....	77	77	498	498	11	11	53	53	70	70										
4 Fayette .....	125	108	1000	780	17	18	85	85	113	120										
5 Barlow .....	84	84	540	542	12	12	57	57	76	76										
6 Roxie .....	82	55	528	360	11	11	56	56	75	70										
7 Liberty .....	62	43 68	400	285 60	8	8	42	42	56	56										
8 Gloster .....	90	58 55	600	380 10	13	13	63	63	85	85										
9 Centerville .....	120	120	780	780	17	17	82	82	110	135										
10 Wilkinson .....	64	48 65	411	311 85	7	7	37	37	50	50										
11 Woodville .....	102	102	650	650	14	14	69	69	92	97										
12 Percy Creek .....	62	62	450	450	8	8	42	42	56	56										
13 Meadville .....	71	63 45	450	406 55	10	10	48	48	63	73										
14 Harriston .....	97	97 20	618	622 80	13	13	65	67 55	87	87										
15 Homochitto .....	35	31 35	300	200	6	6	32	17	42	42										
Total .....	1320	1182 38	8825	7752 05	180	179	900	755 55	1200	1221										
Total last year .....	1271	1036 35	8478 50	7211 15	182	166 50	820	562	1153	591 05										
Increase .....	49	146 03	346 50	540 90		12 50	80	193 55	47	629 95										
Decrease .....					2															

## FOREST DISTRICT—Thos. L. Mellen, P. E.

1 Forest .....	80	55 50	600	414 30	12	12	50	47 50	70	70										
2 Morton .....	80	80	660	660	12	12	55	71	71	78										
3 Harperville .....	50	43 35	300	260 55	8	5	36	19 93	46	21										
4 Walnut Grove .....	60	54	595	475	10	10	42	42	56	56										
5 Shiloh .....	80	83 25	425	448 40	11	11	55	68 75	71	82										
6 Trenton .....	70	67	420	400	10	10	41	57	60	60										
7 Raleigh .....	50	50	365	365	7	7	32	32	40	40										
8 Taylorsville .....	50	35	350	248 25	7	7	32	15	40	40										
9 Montrose .....	70	60	530	436	10	10	50	55	65	70										
10 Lake .....	80	68	600	507 55	12	12	55	64	71	73										
11 Newton and Hickory .....	110	110	750	600	14	14	80	80	115	120										
12 Decatur .....	70	39 40	315	272	10	10	40	17 50	60	16										

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# FINANCE.

## BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—B. F. Jones, P. E.

Assessed for Domestic Missions.		Paid Domestic Missions.		Assessed for Church Extension.		Paid for Church Extension.		Assessed for Education.		Paid for Education.		Paid by W. F. M. Society.		Paid by W. H. M. Society.		Ass'd for American Bible Society.		Paid for American Bible Society.		Ass'd for Expenses Del. to Gen. Conf.		Paid for Expenses Del. to Gen. Con.		Other Objects.		Total from All Sources.		
43 15	43 25	36 90	37 90	23 80	24	44 01	76 60	10 35	10 50	3 35	3 40	599 03	1983 79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
48 90	34 25	41 90	29 35	27	18 90	.....	76 60	11 75	8 25	2 65	470	1769 55	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
32 35	16 15	27 70	13 85	17 85	8 90	.....	.....	7 75	3 50	1 50	351 75	1164 15	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
64 65	30	55 35	25	35 70	15	10	.....	15 50	.....	5 50	1 50	1323 89	2706 64	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
17 10	9 10	15 25	5 05	9 85	.....	1 50	4 25	.....	1 40	.....	2 50	3 30	377 80	1547 55	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
39 15	23 50	33 50	25	21 60	13	18	56 10	9 40	5 65	3 30	3 30	386	1547 55	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
32 35	22	27 70	14	17 85	10	.....	7 75	4	.....	1 50	1 50	160 50	819	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
10 25	12	8 80	9	5 65	6	.....	2 35	7 15	5	2 30	1 50	10 30	754 50	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
29 65	20	25 40	20	16 35	5	.....	10 35	10	.....	3 35	.....	618	1575	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
43 15	11	36 90	.....	23 80	.....	.....	10 35	10	.....	3 35	.....	90	1260 45	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
43 15	33 15	36 90	25	23 80	16	.....	7 15	7 15	2 30	2 30	2 30	158 21	842 41	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
29 65	29 65	25 40	25	16 35	16 35	.....	7 15	7 15	2 20	2 20	2 20	158 21	750 21	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
31 55	31 55	27	22	22	17 40	14 55	.....	7 55	4 96	2 45	2 45	9	750 21	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
28 55	28 55	24 45	20	15 80	10 20	19	6 85	6 85	2 20	2 20	2 20	710 20	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	
48 50	48 50	41 50	41 50	26 75	26 75	111 92	232 55	11 65	11 65	3 75	3 75	390 93	2089 50	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
19 95	11 70	17 05	8 50	11	5 50	.....	4 80	3 40	1 50	1 75	36 45	487 36	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	
32 35	26 90	27 70	20	17 85	15	.....	7 75	6	2 50	2 50	2 50	42 10	833 70	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
21 55	21 55	18 45	18 45	11 90	11 90	.....	5 20	3 20	1 65	1 65	1 65	564 41	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
8 65	8 70	7 05	7 05	4 75	4 75	.....	2 10	2 10	70	75	98 10	437 05	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	
624 60	461 50	534 90	367 10	345 05	221 80	202 93	366 75	150	94 33	48 35	30 70	4776 56	21151 42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
601	440 60	521	367 85	343	236 90	314 22	539 56	150	117 30	92	63 40	5042 89	23077 59	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23 60	20 90	13 90	.....	2 05	75	15 10	111 29	17 2 81	22 97	43 65	32 70	266 33	1926 17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT—T. W. Adams, P. E.

70	70	52	52	49	49	118 63	233	20	20	8	8	1776	4034 63	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
23	8	18	5	16	5	.....	.....	7	3 60	3	1	170 40	596 65	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
30	30	22	22	22	22	.....	.....	8	8	3	3	145	939	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
47	30	35	20	32	20	.....	.....	13	5	6	6	221 60	1392 60	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
32	15	23	10	25	5	.....	2 50	9	4	4	4	.....	750 50	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
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24	24	18	7 25	16	6 50	.....	.....	7	4	3	3	1070 63	1733 53	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
35	35	26	12	25	9	.....	.....	10	7 25	4	4	5	1070 63	1733 53	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
46	46	33	22	22	22	7 40	.....	13	13	5	5	220	1480 40	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
21	10	15	8	14	5	.....	.....	5	5	4	4	1	185	643 50	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
38	38	28	28	26	26	15	.....	11	11	4	4	4	1158 35	2213 35	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
24	13	18	8 50	16	8	.....	7	5	3	3	3	4	662	1250 50	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
26	26	20	15	18	9	.....	.....	10	10	4	4	4	291 80	1282 35	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
36	36	27	27	26	26	26	.....	5	2 50	2	1	80 70	403 75	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
18	10	13	7	12	8	6 20	.....	58 97	28	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
501	406	371	264 75	340	223 70	141 03	235 50	140	98 35	57	31 25	5342 48	17833 04	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
583	345 55	354	164 75	306	149 90	200	148	140	61 80	85	30 50	3534 65	15678 70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
60 45	17	100	34	73 80	.....	87 50	.....	26 55	26 55	75	1807 83	2145 64	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

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## FOREST DISTRICT—Thos. L. Mellen, P. E.

30	22 50	23	17 25	18	6	3 35	33 45	8	4	4	4	160 24	846 09	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
30	42	23	23	18	18	18	3 115	8	8	8	8	537 90	1647 90	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
16	7	15	6	10	1	1 50	.....	5	1	1	1	64 20	429 53	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
21	21	18	18	12	12	12	.....	6	6	6	6	148 20	842 20	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
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23	23	19	10	12	6	.....	.....	6	4	4	4	172	809	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
16	16	12	12	8	8	7	.....	5	3	3	3	201	736	5	5</td															

## **FINANCE.**

## FOREST—Continued.

NAME OF CHARGE.		Assessed for Presid'r.g Elder.		Paid Presiding Elder.		Assessed for Preacher in Charge.		Paid Preacher in Charge.		Assessed for Bishops.		Paid Bishops.		Assessed for Conference Claim't.s.		Paid Conference Claim't.s.		Assessed for Foreign Missions..		Paid Foreign Missions.	
13 Carthage .....	80 .....	55 .....	655 .....	470 .....	11 .....	11 .....	50 .....	32 25 .....	60 .....	50 .....	112 .....	45 .....	150 .....	50 .....	170 .....	50 .....	50 .....	60 .....	60 .....		
14 Rose Hill .....	80 .....	72 10 .....	600 .....	540 50 .....	12 .....	12 .....	50 .....	50 .....	50 .....	100 .....	45 .....	35 .....	46 10 .....	45 .....	150 .....	50 .....	50 .....	60 .....	60 .....		
15 Vossburg & Heidelberg .....	150 .....	150 .....	950 .....	970 .....	16 .....	18 50 .....	45 .....	32 25 .....	60 .....	50 .....	112 .....	45 .....	150 .....	50 .....	170 .....	50 .....	50 .....	60 .....	60 .....		
16 Ellisville .....	60 .....	60 .....	600 .....	600 .....	8 .....	8 .....	45 .....	32 25 .....	60 .....	50 .....	112 .....	45 .....	150 .....	50 .....	170 .....	50 .....	50 .....	60 .....	60 .....		
17 Laurel .....	50 .....	50 .....	720 .....	720 .....	8 .....	8 .....	35 .....	32 25 .....	60 .....	50 .....	112 .....	45 .....	150 .....	50 .....	170 .....	50 .....	50 .....	60 .....	60 .....		
18 Neshoba .....	80 .....	71 55 .....	750 .....	577 75 .....	12 .....	12 .....	52 .....	61 .....	70 .....	50 .....	112 .....	45 .....	150 .....	50 .....	170 .....	50 .....	50 .....	60 .....	60 .....		
19 Indian Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	
Total .....	1350 .....	1204 15 .....	10185 .....	8965 39 .....	190 .....	189 50 .....	900 .....	916 03 .....	1200 .....	1199 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total last year .....	1300 .....	1058 26 .....	8310 .....	7118 91 .....	184 .....	184 50 .....	850 .....	635 50 .....	1225 .....	956 22 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Increase .....	50 .....	145 89 .....	1875 .....	1846 39 .....	6 .....	5 .....	50 .....	270 53 .....	232 75 .....	232 75 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 .....	25 .....	2	

## **SEASHORE DISTRICT—W. W. Simmons, P. E.**

1	Moss Point .....	160	160	1200	1200	20	20	65	95	120	120
2	Americus .....	60	60	412	412	50	8	8	35	35	48
3	Escatawpa .....	60	60	400	420		8	8	35	35	48
4	Biloxi .....	70	70	550	550		8	15	45	45	60
5	Ocean Spg's. & Scranton .....	60	60	450	470	7	7	35	35	48	48
6	Gulfport .....	80	80	750	750	10	10	55	55	75	75
7	Coalville .....	60	60	425	425	8	8	35	35	48	48
8	Pearlington and Log'tn. ....	100	100	700	792	42	12	12	65	65	80
9	Bay St. Louis .....	50	50	300	300	5	5	25	25	30	30
10	Mount Olive .....	75	75	650	650	8	8	40	40	55	55
11	Lumberton and Poplr'v. ....	130	135	900	942	12	12	75	75	110	110
12	Eastabuchie .....	60	60	400	392	45	7	7	35	35	48
13	Columbia .....	100	100	700	700	10	10	55	55	75	75
14	Hattiesburg .....	170	162	50	1200	1213	20	20	100	100	144
15	East Hattiesburg .....	70	73	550	572	8	8	40	40	55	55
16	Brooklyn .....	75	75	650	695	10	10	45	45	60	60
17	Vancleave .....	65	65	400	400	8	8	35	35	50	50
18	Williamsburg .....	60	60	400	400	7	7	35	35	48	48
19	Nicholson .....	50	50	375	375	6	6	30	30	30	30
20	Mount Carmel .....	60	60	450	450	8	8	35	35	48	48
	Total .....	1615	1615	50	11462	12109	37	190	190	15	950
	Total last year .....	1600	1578	25	10875	10585	71	190	190	20	886
	Increase .....	15	37	25	587	1523	66				34
	Decrease .....							05			213

**MERIDIAN DISTRICT—G. A. Guice, P. E.**

## FINANCE.

## SEASHORE DISTRICT—W. W. Simmons, P. E.

60	60	38	38	24	24	44	60	15	15			115	39	1891	99	1		
23	23	16	16	12	12			5	5			506	73	1126	23	2		
22	22	16	16	12	12		9	5	5		1	140		776		3		
30	30	20	20	14	14	30		6	4		2	576		1349	15	4		
24	24	16	16	12	12		190	5	5			123		990		5		
35	35	20	20	14	14			7	4			1479		2522		6		
22	22	16	16	12	12			6	5			1090		1721		7		
40	40	28	28	20	20			8	8			656		1801	42	8		
20	20	12	12	8	8			3	3			149	25	602	25	9		
26	26	20	20	14	14	17	20	32	85	6	3		2253	85	3194	90	10	
50	50	35	35	24	24			10	10			603		1996		11		
22	22	16	16	12	12			5	5			447	50	1044	05	12		
35	35	24	24	15	15			8	8			468	05	1490	05	13		
70	70	45	45	30	30	115		15	15			290		2204	50	14		
25	25	20	20	14	14			6	5			3345	70	4157	70	15		
30	30	20	20	14	14			6	6			1094		2049		16		
23	24	16	16	12	12			5	5		4	1287	97	1906	97	17		
23	23	16	16	12	12			5	5		2	50		658		18		
20	20	12	12	10	10			4	4			20		557		19		
25	25	16	16	12	12			5	5		2	213	95	874	95	20		
625	626	422	422	297	297	206	80	231	85	135	125	11	14849	39	32914	06		
578	485	82	391	279	284	196	195	54	395	135	114	35	69	8822	98	26249	73	
47	140	18	31	143	13	101	11	26			10	65		6026	41	6664	33	
							163	75					58					

**MERIDIAN DISTRICT—G. A. Guice, P. E.**

## **FINANCE.**

**VICKSBURG DISTRICT—E. H. Mounger, P. E.**

\*One pastoral charge and part of another taken from Vicksburg District and added to Jackson.

## JACKSON DISTRICT—T. B. Holloman, P. E.

\*One pastoral charge and part of another taken from Vicksburg District and added to Jackson.

## RECAPITULATION.

# FINANCE.

**\*VICKSBURG DISTRICT—E. H. Mounger, P. E.**

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90	90	55	55	55	55	33	33	32	85	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	577	47	2931	32	1			
17	5	12	4	9	9	10	10	10	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	279	45	1214	30	2			
41	40	40	31	23	23	10	10	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	176	1214	826	92	4			
32	19	55	20	13	10	18	11	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	282	70	398	54	5			
32	32	22	22	22	20	20	20	20	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	398	54	1218	79	5			
45	12	50	40	7	20	4	4	4	4	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	461	85	461	85	6			
42	12	38	5	23	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	270	1063	61	711	60	7		
33	18	28	14	14	14	10	10	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	10	990	10	900	35	9		
41	25	38	25	23	23	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	141	95	141	95	10		
43	37	38	33	23	23	20	20	36	95	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5			
58	23	50	46	16	24	5	5	5	5	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	154	80	1097	75	11			
36	36	31	10	14	4	4	4	4	4	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	56	56	925	25	12			
40	25	37	20	21	10	7	7	27	95	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	1163	1163	2172	70	13			
45	45	45	45	26	25	25	25	100	414	45	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	300	300	2042	45	14			
600	420	55	490	300	10	291	167	30	177	55	442	40	135	87	46	36	16	50	3591	46	17224	88					
600	361	525	302	25	303	167	50	279	62	336	67	140	140	140	82	30	05	54	40	8770	88	22455	07				
	59	55		35	2	15	12		20	102	67			5				37	90	5179	42	5227	19				

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**\*JACKSON DISTRICT—T. B. Holloman, P. E.**

90	90	80	80	50	50	170	45	162	63	20	20	20	20	20	12	12	12	12	12	122	50	2823	58	1
45	48	30	31	20	21	118	70	787	60	11	11	11	11	11	668	07	2773	37	2773	37	2			
22	15	22	10	10	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	35	15	428	70	387	38	3			
30	30	30	30	20	20	31	70	293	50	6	6	6	6	6	387	38	1623	53	596	85	4			
10	11	15	15	25	10	10	75	10	75	6	6	6	6	6	596	85	1066	35	175	50	5			
27	18	30	25	13	35	20	10	80	5	10	10	80	7	7	799	799	1566	25	1566	25	6			
26	18	20	7	50	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	300	300	668	668	300	300	7			
27	27	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	7	7	7	7	7	1573	1573	67	2531	67	1573	67	8		
30	15	30	15	20	10	10	10	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	104	104	918	918	918	918	9			
50	25	35	10	20	6	11	60	62	65	10	10	10	10	10	276	276	276	276	276	276	23			
22	22	17	5	13	4	4	4	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	35	35	613	20	613	20	11			
30	22	50	25	10	25	10	10	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	175	175	50	908	908	175	50	12		
30	7	25	5	20	4	4	4	8	5	8	8	8	8	8	142	142	658	658	658	658	13			
26	18	25	12	20	10	10	10	10	10	7	5	7	7	7	22	22	771	70	771	70	14			
26	5	30	1	25	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	7	7	7	1179	1179	35	1828	35	1179	35	15		
90	90	45	45	40	40	146	60	66	62	16	16	16	16	16	503	83	2756	90	503	83	16			
30	15	25	10	25	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	422	50	1154	65	422	50	17			
30	30	20	20	15	15	15	15	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	390	390	250	250	250	1056	90			
10	10	16	16	10	10	10	10	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	163	55	655	55	655	55	19			
651	516	80	540	361	10	398	263	55	484	15	1383	80	155	100	50	22	10	15	7756	58	26240	03		
600	467	35	479	324	378	237	50	443	60	426	65	150	150	107	65	70	83	85	7105	61	31350	34		
51	49	45	61	37	10	20	26	05	40	55	957	15	5	7	15	47	90	68	85	650	97	5110	31	

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## RECAPITULATION.

600	420	55	490	300	10	291	167	30	177	55	442	40	135	87	46	16	50	3591	46	17188	84	1				
651	516	80	540	361	10	398	263	55	484	15	1383	80	155	100	50	22	10	15	7756	58	26240	03	2			
500	512	370	327	25	259	217	10	107	35	181	25	135	113	50	13	4	6964	65	20901	08	3					
616	501	76	510	382	10	398	300	97	328	81	122	155	118	89	65	70	52	48	4580	48	19237	18	4			
625	626	422	422	301	297	206	80	231	85	135	125	111	118	89	52	48	48	39	14849	39	52914	06	5			
624	60	461	50	534	90	367	10	345	05	221	80	202	93	366	75	150	94	33	48	35	4776	56	21151	42	6	
501	406	371	264	75	340	223	70	141	03	235	50	140	98	35	57	31	25	5342	48	11833	04	7				
4117	60	3444	61	3237	90	2424	40	2332	05	1691	42	1648	62	2963	55	1005	738	03	206	15	160	93	47861	60	149465	65
4053	2851	47	3103	1943	20	2227	1331	70	1934	64	2130	78	1000	693	37	542	425	65	39695	64	149689	62				
64	60	593	14	134	90	481	20	105	05	359	72	832	77	5	44	66	335	85	264	72	8165	96	223	97		

Table No. 3—Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—G. A. Guice, P. E.

NAME OF CHARGE.		No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	Amt. Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amt. Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Am't Raised in Sunday Schools.
1 Meridian—Central		175	1	38	720	115 00	120 70	7 50	85 00	328 20
2 " South Side			1	5	60	35 00	14 90	6 00		55 90
3 " East End			1	13	244	72 00	44 00		126 00	242 00
4 " West End										
5 Chunkey			3	15	150	10 00		1 95		11 95
6 DeKalb			4		100	7 75				7 75
7 Binnsville			2	9	109	15 00	9 00	2 54		26 54
8 Porterville	1	25	4	18	140	14 00		4 30	8 00	26 30
9 Lauderdale			4	24	206	60 95	27 65	10 00		98 60
10 Vimville	1	19	4	19	144	14 35	4 57	6 48		25 34
11 North Kemper			5	20	100	7 50		6 40		13 90
12 Enterprise			3	30	222	88 65	25 54	9 38	92 55	216 12
13 Pachuta			6	43	262	46 90		2 35	12 50	61 75
14 Shubuta			2	22	180	49 00	24 00	10 00		83 00
15 Mathersville			6	18	100	12 00		5 00		17 00
16 Middleton			5	15	125	3 10	2 90	3 00		9 00
17 Waynesboro			3	26	128	32 00	2 87	10 14	7 62	52 63
18 Wayne Mission			2	10	60	13 60				13 60
19 Winchester			3	15	100	18 81	9 00	6 00	3 00	36 81
20 Daleville			5	22	200	18 00		6 65		24 65
21 Leakesville			4	10	60	15 00		3 50		18 50
Total		6	219	68	272	3410 648 61	285 07	101 19	334 67	1369 54
Total last year		7	335	56	348	3104 347 28	233 77	92 98	141 21	1174 25
Increase				12	24	306	301 33	51 30	8 21	193 46
Decrease		1	116							185 29

FOREST DISTRICT—Thos. L. Mellen, P. E.

1 Forest			3	16	120	31 70	15 02	3 40		50 12
2 Morton	2	50	2	11	110	30 00	12 30	3 10		45 40
3 Harperville			3	12	100	5 00	2 00	90		7 90
4 Walnut Grove			1	6	75	10 80	8 00			18 80
5 Shiloh	1	32	4	21	246	15 95	18 65	7 11		41 71
6 Trenton			5	20	175	20 00	15 00	2 00		37 00
7 Raleigh			2	8	90	10 00	5 20			15 20
8 Taylorsville			3	12	50	4 75	1 25			6 00
9 Montrose	1	35	3	18	194	21 75	13 40	2 83		38 00
10 Lake			4	22	211	20 40	15 20	8 35		43 95
11 Newton and Hickory	1	30	2	25	204	89 53	28 73	12 00	11 74	147 00
12 Decatur			2	11	90	10 35	7 00	3 60		14 65
13 Carthage	1	15	5	26	235	40 00	7 00	4 00	54 00	105 00
14 Rose Hill			5	23	200	33 77	7 33	4 65		45 75
15 Vossburg & Heidelberg			8	32	355	48 30		9 65		57 95
16 Ellisville			3	14	120	32 50	13 22	4 31		50 03
17 Laurel	2	60	1	13	113	38 00	25 10		26 00	89 10
18 Neshoba			7	29	250	30 00	6 40	10 00		46 40
19 Indian Mission			2	4	40		2 00	2 41		4 41
Total		8	222	65	323	2978 492 80	196 50	78 33	91 74	858 32
Total last year		7	177	57	297	3489 380 80	163 62	81 85	46 55	661 33
Increase		1	45	8	26	112 00	22 88		45 19	186 99
Decrease					511			3 52		

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—B. F. Jones, P. E.

1 Brookhaven	3	98	2	36	370	130 08	62 58	3 00		195 66
2 Magnolia and Osyka			2	16	106	160 63	10 00	7 00		177 63
3 Tylertown	1	28	2	12	160	30 00	12 00	6 00		48 00
4 McComb City	1	50	2	25	376	119 53	62 00	4 31	62 55	248 39
5 Pike			4	16	110		2 80	5 30		8 10
6 Summit	1	17	4	21	256	75 10	26 00	12 30	8 00	121 40
7 Topisaw	1	19	3	21	130	26 00	10 00	7 00	5 00	48 00
8 Pearl			3	12	150	10 00		3 30		13 30
9 Gallman			5	22	210	34 50	7 00	5 45		46 95
10 Hazlehurst	1	12	1	9	80	38 00	2 00			40 00
11 Crystal Springs	1	50	1	11	90	45 00	20 00	5 00	5 60	75 60

Table No. 3—Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—Continued

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for Sunday Schools.			Am't Collected on Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Am't Raised in Sunday Schools.
						No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.			
12 Terry .....	.....	.....	2	11	86	16 00	4 00	5 35	.....	25 35	
13 Caseville .....	.....	3	14	100	14 00	.....	3 30	.....	17 30		
14 Adams .....	1	30	1	11	84	16 50	.....	7 45	.....	23 95	
15 Wesson .....	1	35	1	19	200	91 04	45 79	5 15	10 00	151 98	
16 Beauregard .....	.....	.....	5	28	210	27 44	.....	5 37	.....	32 81	
17 Providence .....	1	20	3	18	120	.....	3 30	5 05	.....	8 35	
18 Bayou Pierre .....	1	28	4	20	157	10 50	.....	11 69	.....	22 19	
19 Lincoln .....	.....	.....	2	7	75	8 20	50	2 10	.....	10 80	
Total .....	13	387	50	329	3070	852 52	267 97	104 12	91 15	1315 76	
Total last year .....	16	493	48	327	2642	508 01	154 98	98 23	68 45	1053 60	
Increase .....	.....	.....	2	2	428	344 51	2 99	5 89	22 70	272 16	
Decrease .....	3	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

\*JACKSON DISTRICT—T. B. Holloman, P. E.

1 Jackson—First Church.	1	.....	1	33	424	135 99	113 78	5 53	28 10	283 40
2 " Capitol Street	2	76	1	16	183	61 00	100 12	5 00	13 30	179 42
3 Fannin .....	.....	.....	5	27	136	15 05	2 50	7 00	.....	24 55
4 Brandon .....	.....	.....	1	11	75	49 25	15 00	6 30	5 50	76 05
5 Thomasville .....	1	15	4	18	110	20 00	3 00	5 00	5 25	33 25
6 Steen's Creek .....	.....	.....	3	19	190	43 95	12 40	6 50	60 70	123 55
7 Westville .....	.....	.....	2	8	40	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
8 Madison .....	1	25	4	20	200	42 40	11 60	.....	.....	54 00
9 Flora .....	1	13	4	12	78	31 00	7 65	.....	.....	38 65
10 Canton .....	1	40	1	12	90	35 50	38 49	.....	.....	73 99
11 Sharon .....	1	30	2	13	84	10 00	3 06	6 00	5 00	24 06
12 Camden .....	.....	.....	6	24	200	29 00	.....	5 00	.....	34 00
13 Tranquil .....	.....	.....	4	13	90	.....	.....	.....	13 00	13 00
14 Silver Creek .....	.....	.....	1	6	35	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00
15 Lake City .....	.....	.....	5	15	109	45 00	20 00	3 00	.....	68 00
16 Yazoo City .....	1	42	1	20	171	168 51	75 00	11 20	.....	254 71
17 Benton .....	.....	.....	3	15	115	15 00	1 50	9 00	.....	25 50
18 Vaughn .....	1	20	3	12	60	10 00	.....	.....	15 00	25 00
19 Anding .....	.....	.....	3	15	120	9 65	.....	.....	6 00	15 65
Total .....	10	261	54	309	2510	736 30	404 10	69 53	151 85	1361 78
Total last year .....	13	382	45	257	2014	561 00	263 85	71 94	136 14	1017 99
Increase .....	.....	.....	9	52	496	175 30	140 25	.....	15 71	343 79
Decrease .....	3	121	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 41	.....	.....	.....

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\*VICKSBURG DISTRICT—E. H. Mounger, P. E.

1 Crawford Street .....	1	150	1	27	250	174 85	35 00	10 00	2 00	221 85
2 South Vicksburg .....	.....	.....	1	5	38	28 33	12 80	3 50	.....	44 63
3 Rolling Fork .....	2	40	2	12	60	25 00	10 00	6 70	.....	41 70
4 Anguilla .....	1	18	3	14	85	19 10	5 81	6 70	.....	31 61
5 Mayersville .....	.....	.....	2	7	45	13 94	5 00	5 50	.....	24 44
6 Warren .....	.....	.....	3	12	60	15 00	.....	53 75	.....	68 75
7 Satartia .....	.....	.....	3	18	125	25 00	.....	26 31	15 00	66 31
8 South Warren .....	.....	.....	4	12	75	12 00	8 00	12 50	.....	32 50
9 Edwards .....	3	18	18	135	.....	.....	.....	4 10	30 00	34 10
10 Bolton .....	1	10	3	15	132	42 40	6 50	5 00	.....	53 90
11 Utica .....	.....	.....	2	12	110	38 77	14 40	.....	9 00	62 17
12 Rocky Springs .....	.....	.....	5	26	196	49 00	3 80	4 75	.....	57 55
13 Hermanville .....	.....	.....	5	24	155	23 00	4 60	5 00	.....	32 60
14 Port Gibson .....	1	20	1	11	120	100 00	14 00	8 00	.....	122 00
Total .....	6	241	54	330	1451	566 39	119 91	151 81	56 00	894 11
Total last year .....	8	325	39	211	1573	479 95	139 95	143 70	350 49	1175 21
Increase .....	.....	.....	15	119	.....	86 44	.....	8 11	.....	.....
Decrease .....	2	84	.....	.....	122	.....	20 04	294 49	281 10	.....

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Table No 3—Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

## NATCHEZ DISTRICT—T. W. Adams, P. E.

NAME OF CHARGE.		No. of Epworth Leagues.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Sunday schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Am't Collected for Sunday Schools.	Am't Collected for Missions.	Am't Collected for Children's Day.	Am't Collected for Other Objects.	Total Am't Raised in Sunday Schools.
1 Jefferson Street	1	42	1	24	165	118 32	104 00	12 00	...	...	234 32
2 Wesley Chapel	1	20	1	15	120	39 40	18 50	5 00	...	...	62 90
3 Washington			4	15	150	11 70	4 00	2 50	...	...	15 70
4 Fayette	1	30	3	20	185	58 00	7 00	24 00	...	...	89 00
5 Barlow	1	26	5	16	178	30 25	...	2 50	...	...	32 75
6 Roxie	1	35	4	20	135	20 00	...	8 00	...	...	28 00
7 Liberty			2	7	68	3 30	1 00	1 75	...	...	4 30
8 Gloster	1	25	1	9	96	21 18	6 75	1 75	...	...	29 68
9 Centreville	1	30	1	10	81	62 85	26 10	4 90	14 00	107 85	
10 Wilkinson			4	20	100	10 00	...	...	...	...	10 00
11 Woodville	1	15	1	14	126	22 35	40 00	12 00	...	...	74 35
12 Percy Creek			2	8	42	3 00	2 00	2 80	...	...	5 80
13 Meadville			4	22	114	20 00	...	10 00	...	...	30 00
14 Harriston	1	21	5	19	138	26 40	21 00	15 65	...	...	63 05
15 Homochitto			2	10	55	4 30	3 55	...	...	7 85	
Total	9	244	40	229	1753	448 05	234 90	98 60	14 00	...	795 55
Total last year	5	196	46	241	1984	414 95	188 20	80 55	169 40	913 35	
Increase	4	48	...	...	44	10	46 70	18 05	...	...	...
Decrease			6	12	231	...	...	...	155 40	117 80	

## **SEASHORE DISTRICT—W. W. Simmons, P. E.**

## RECAPITULATION.

1 Vicksburg .....	6	241	54	330	1451	566	39	119	91	151	81	56	00	11	
2 Jackson .....	10	261	54	309	2510	736	30	404	10	69	53	157	85	131	78
3 Forest .....	8	222	65	323	2978	492	80	196	50	78	33	91	74	559	37
4 Meridian .....	6	219	68	372	3410	648	61	285	07	101	19	334	67	1369	54
5 Seashore .....	11	371	61	402	3879	1185	20	404	01	108	61	210	04	1907	86
6 Brookhaven .....	13	387	50	329	3070	852	52	267	97	104	12	91	15	1315	76
7 Natchez .....	9	244	40	229	1753	448	05	234	90	98	60	14	00	795	55
Total .....	63	1945	392	2294	19051	4929	87	1912	46	412	19	949	45	8503	97
Total last year .....	64	2144	349	2062	18289	3703	41	1454	53	623	37	129064	7681	66	
Increase .....				43	232	762	1226	46	457	93				822	31
Decrease .....	1	199										211	18	341	19

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